

## Zeroual wants Arab summit — PLO

ALGIERS (AFP) — Algerian President Liamine Zeroual told visiting Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) official Farouk Kaddoumi he was in favour of another Arab summit. Algerian television reported Wednesday. Mr. Kaddoumi, responsible for foreign affairs, said at the end of Wednesday's meeting that Mr. Zeroual wanted a second meeting to complement the first summit in Cairo in June "to strengthen Arab unity." Arab states warned at the Cairo summit that if Israel's new right-wing leadership failed to adhere to its commitments to Palestine, the entire Middle East peace process could collapse. Mr. Kaddoumi said the Israeli elections which brought to power Benjamin Netanyahu — whom he described as an "intransigent leader" — showed that Israel does not want peace and was closing the door on political negotiations. Mr. Kaddoumi, who arrived on Monday in Algiers, has also met with Algerian Foreign Minister Ahmad Attaf and other senior officials.

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## Erbakan eyes deal with Syria on PKK

ANKARA (AFP) — Prime Minister Necmettin Erbakan said Wednesday that he hoped Syria would reach an accord with Turkey to act against separatist Turkish Kurds. "We believe that we will reach an agreement with Syria against terrorism," Mr. Erbakan told reporters here. He was referring to the outlawed Kurdish Labour Party (PKK), which has been waging a separatist war in southeastern Turkey since 1984. Mr. Erbakan said that he could send envoys to Syria at some point "for an anti-terror accord with Syria," but did not elaborate. Turkish authorities accuse Syria of harbouring the PKK's leader, Abdullah Ocalan, a claim Damascus denies. Syria, in turn, complains that Turkey has not been supplying it with sufficient water from the Euphrates River. High-level talks have been cut between Turkey and Syria for more than a year and Turkish Foreign Ministry officials rule out negotiations "as long as the Syrian support to the PKK continues."

# King urges dialogue and efforts to protect democracy

## HM meets with parliamentarians from south, reviews post-riots situation and emphasises need to enhance constructive dialogue and reasoning

### Life is largely normal in Karak; residents seek total end to curfew

By Ayman Al Safadi  
Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — Life largely returned to normal in the southern town of Karak on Wednesday with the light curfew, which was imposed on the town Saturday after two days of riots. Life for most of the day and shops opening, residents said. "The situation is very normal," Karak Mayor Ahmad Mahadin told the Jordan Times by phone. Karak residents said that the curfew was lifted from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. and people could move around freely as the army decreased its presence in the streets of the town where riots against the increase in the price of bread flared Friday and Saturday. The curfew was lightly enforced after it was reimposed in the evening, residents said.

They said that armed personnel carriers, which were deployed in the town Saturday, remain in the town and at cross-roads leading to it. "But the presence of the army is less visible. There are less soldiers," Abdullah Madadheh, member of Karak's consultative council formed to advise the governor on the affairs of the governorate, told the Jordan Times. No clashes

were reported in the town since the police force that was brought in to deal with the riots was replaced by the army.

The Jordan News Agency, Petra, quoted Karak Governor Badr Eddine Al Wadi'an as saying that "citizens went about their lives as usual, shops opened and employees reported to their jobs as vehicles could move into and from the town freely."

But Dr. Mahadin, a member of the Islamic Action Front, and other citizens said the authorities continued to arrest people suspected of inciting the riots or participating in them. The mayor said his deputy, Maayouf Al Habashneh, was arrested at the municipality building Wednesday morning. Official sources, on the other hand, were quoted as saying that the authorities started to free some of the detainees whose number the government put at 150 of whom 104 lived in Karak. Residents contacted by the Jordan Times by phone said the arrests mainly targeted political party members sympathetic to Iraq.

"The situation is very good. People were moving in the town centre and most

of the shops opened for them," a resident said. Another resident, however, said that people "were getting tired in coping with the situation as a whole" in that a total return to normality was not happening fast enough.

At a meeting which His Majesty King Hussein held with parliamentarians from the south yesterday, Karak Deputy Samir Habashneh appealed to the King to end exigencies of the emergency situation "now that the crisis is over (because) they affect the people whose loyalty (to the King) has never been in question."

"Even if we differ with decisions and we express these differences in manners that are not objective and should be condemned, we remain loyal. This is a rule that cannot be questioned," he said.

Mr. Habashneh appealed to the King to review what happened and determine the reasons that caused it as he has "always done after every crisis" in order to avoid similar situations in the future.

Dr. Mahadin, the mayor, said the town's municipal council issued a statement Wednesday confirming that

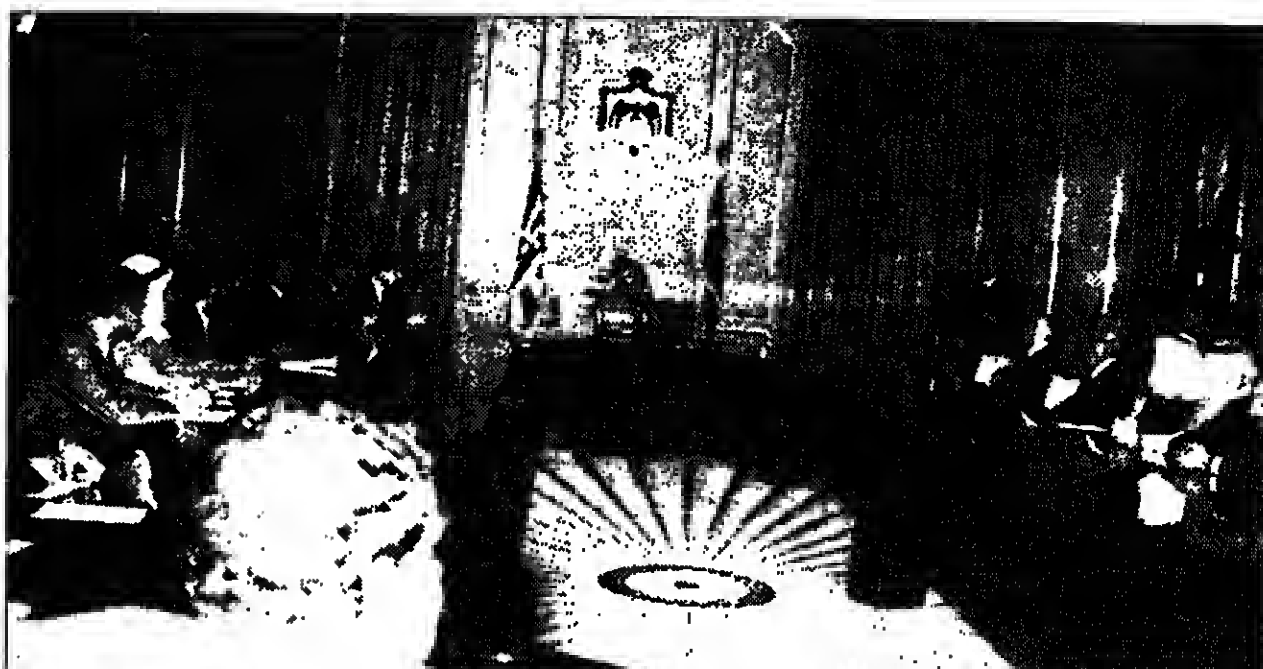
By Tareq Momani  
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — His Majesty King Hussein on Wednesday called for increased efforts to protect democracy and consultations as a way of life and to enhance the concept of constructive dialogue and reasoning.

The King, addressing a 28-member delegation of parliamentarians from the Upper and Lower House of Parliament representing southern Jordan, said the two days of riots in the south this week should serve as a reminder for everyone of the need to stop efforts at "outbidding each other."

"As citizens of this country we all face a heavy responsibility and we must stop outbidding each other, express allegiance to this country, persist in the course of construction and continue to confront challenges and dangers so that we can create a better future for the next generations," the King said during the two-hour meeting.

During the meeting, the King was given a briefing



His Majesty King Hussein on Wednesday meets with parliamentarians representing southern governorates (Petra photo)

on the situation in the south and the "reasons for which protests against the price of bread turned into violent riots," said a senior Jordanian official quoted by Agence France Presse. "They discussed solutions and stressed the need to

protect the unity and security of the country," he said. Samir Habashneh, a deputy from the south, said all of those present had "renewed the allegiance of the inhabitants of the region" to King Hussein and asked the Monarch to

"reexamine the situation." "The King stressed the need to engage in a dialogue whatever the circumstances," he said. The King told the parliamentarians that "the events of the past few days in the south should prompt us all

to double our efforts to protect the democracy and shura in our life and to enhance the concept of constructive dialogue and reasoning in our life." "The south has always

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## Opposition MPs drop demand for resignation of government

### Call by 23 deputies urges reversal of price hikes, release of detainees and end to army presence

By Ayman Al Safadi  
Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — Opposition deputies on Wednesday warned that the "tension" that has developed in the Kingdom after the lifting of the subsidy for bread would not dissipate unless the government reverses its decision to increase bread prices, releases all the detainees who have been arrested after riots rocked the city of Karak Friday and Saturday and ends military presence in cities and towns throughout the Kingdom.

In a statement issued after a meeting they held at the Hall of Pictures in the Parliament building, the 23 deputies, most of whom belong to the Islamic Action Front (IAF), also urged the initiation of a "genuine democratic dialogue to consolidate shura and democracy and allow-

ing the Lower House to exercise its constitutional duty independently from the domination of other branches of government."

The deputies also criticised what they saw as practices by the official media to "exaggerate some shows of support (for the regime)," and said this policy will lead to divisions among "members of the same family."

But conspicuously dropped from the demands the lawmakers made was the resignation of Prime Minister Abdul Karim Kabariti, which the opposition blames for the flare-up of violence in Karak and other southern cities.

A member of this group, Deputy Khalil Haddadin, a pro-Iraq Baathist, told the Jordan Times that the opposition lawmakers, who boycotted the House session after a showdown with

other deputies and the government over bread prices, still demanded that the government be sacked or resign.

The statement asserted that the events of the past several days prove that the government was not qualified to run the affairs of the state.

A leading member of the IAF parliamentary bloc, Bassam Omoush, said the alliance of opposition groups had drafted a letter which they will submit to His Majesty King Hussein during the meeting the King will hold with members of the House today, Thursday, if they do not get a chance to speak.

Dr. Omoush said that the letter, which will be reviewed again this morning before the meeting with the King takes place, will include the demands for

## King: Jordan depends on its workers to build itself and achieve self-reliance

AMMAN (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein said Wednesday that Jordan "will pursue the course of democracy and dialogue to search for the best means to improve our performance in constructing the country and achieving progress for the Jordanian people."

"With determination and awareness we are sure to confront all challenges, enhance stability and stand on our feet to achieve our goals," added the King in a speech at a meeting during a visit to the Federation of Jordanian Labour Union (FJLU).

Voicing appreciation of the Jordanian workers' endeavours in serving the nation, the King said that the country depends on them to protect the Kingdom's achievements and its institutions. "We all form a united family bearing the responsibility of building the country and attaining prosperity for its people," he said.

Praising the labour movement's achievements, the

King said the government will provide all necessary support for the workers who have a serious responsibility towards their nation.

"You have honoured me once by calling me the first worker in Jordan and I take pride in being one of you to work with you and offer services to the country," added the King.

He said that the government had gone a long way in supporting the labour movement especially in matters connected with labour law, workers' safety regulations and others.

The King promised to have more meetings with the federation leaders to pursue the discussion on reform on mobilising the nation's potentials to achieve more progress.

Abdul Halim Khaddam, chairman of the federation's central council, said that the federation's 750,000 members declare their allegiance to the

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## Shneikat will not quit cabinet despite disagreement on subsidy

By Ayman Al Safadi  
Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — Agriculture Minister Mustafa Shneikat announced Wednesday that he will not resign from the government despite his strong criticism of the way the Cabinet handled the issue of bread prices.

Dr. Shneikat, who is a deputy and a member of the leftist Jordanian Unionist Democratic Party (JUDP), said he was committed to the decisions of the government although he believed in the need to rectify its position and to promise the people that it would study it anew in cooperation with the Lower House of Parliament.

A spokesperson for the government said Dr. Shneikat was entitled to his opinion as a member of a democratic government "but when a decision is taken through a majority vote, the ministers have collective responsibility for them."

The spokesperson, who did not wish to be identified by name, spoke before the minister of information, Marwan Muasher, said that "despite the political diversity inside the government, the responsibility for the decisions taken is collective and Dr. Shneikat has informed the prime minister that he is bound by the decisions of the government."

Dr. Shneikat said he shared his party's view that bread prices should have been increased gradually rather than in a single stage as happened; but that as a member of the government,



Mustafa Shneikat

"I play my role in a democratic manner, respect the government's decisions and I am committed to them."

"I do not intend to resign," Dr. Shneikat stressed.

JUDP Chairman Issa Mdaat also told a press conference yesterday that the resignation of Dr. Shneikat was not an option at this point.

But he said the party, which is represented by Dr. Shneikat and Bassam Haddadin in the House, is opposed to the way in which the government dealt with the issue of subsidies.

In a letter which he sent to Prime Minister Abdul Karim Kabariti Monday and was made available to the press Wednesday, Dr. Shneikat said that while he did not approve of the positions of some deputies who rejected the lifting of bread and fodder subsidies without providing an alternative, he nevertheless criticised the way in which the government itself dealt with the problem.

"Our behaviour in dealing

with the problem did not only put us in confrontation with the majority of our people, but also with many of our colleagues in the House who agreed with us on the need to change the form of subsidies," said Dr. Shneikat, who represents Balqa Governorate in the House.

"That put us in this unenviable position and isolated us," Dr. Shneikat told the prime minister and his colleagues in the letter.

In light of the tension that has developed in reaction to the increase in bread prices and the disturbances that have occurred, "it is not wise to ignore the painful reality" and not to understand the real motives behind the disturbances, Dr. Shneikat wrote.

He said failure to take action to ease the tension would only lead to more trouble.

"I urge you to rectify the position of the government," he said, adding that the economic readjustment programme, which has been implemented since 1989, was "not sacred" and the government should not put more economic pressure on the people as a result of its implementation.

"Our people are facing more than they can cope with," he said, adding that the steep increase in prices of major commodities had caused the people economic hardships.

Dr. Shneikat recognised the government's achievements in easing the tension that had developed with

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## Authorities start releasing detainees after questioning

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — Authorities have started releasing people held in connection with this week's disturbances in Karak, security sources confirmed Wednesday. The source declined to reveal how many were released or the number of those who remained in detention.

"Some people have been released after questioning because they were not found to be involved in the disturbances, and some others could be freed in the coming days," said the source. "Those who are found to have directly taken part in attacks on property and sabotage activities will be referred to

courts."

Officials have said that up to 150 people were detained following the riots in Karak on Friday and Saturday. Among them are over 40 members of leftist groups, including the Jordan People's Democratic Party, the Arab Baath Socialist Party and the Jordan Communist Party. Party sources have denied charges that their groups were involved but affirmed that some of their members could have taken part in their capacity as individuals.

At least 100 people were arrested on Monday. Sources also said Wednesday that the publisher of the Al Bilad weekly was released after he was detained on Tuesday.

Al Bilad chief editor Khaled Khasasbeh and reporter Taha Abu Reden remained in detention. Security sources corrected an earlier report that another Al Bilad reporter, Rakan Saideh, was also detained.

Mr. Khasasbeh and Mr. Abu Reden were remanded in custody for 15 days without bail, the sources said. After questioning, they are expected to be referred to a civil court.

Also under detention was Fuad Hussein, a reporter of the Al Aswaq daily, who was arrested on Monday.

Officials of the Jordan Press Association, the umbrella group for Jordanian journalists, said earlier they were trying to secure bail for Mr. Khasasbeh, a member of the JPA, as well

as for Mr. Hussein, a member of the JPA council. Mr. Abu Reden is not a member of the JPA, the officials said.

Mr. Khasasbeh and Mr. Abu Reden face charges of violating the Press and Publications Law by carrying "inaccurate and misleading reports."

Information Minister Marwan Muasher said Mr. Hussein of Al Aswaq was being held because he was "directly involved" in the riots.

According to reports, Mr. Hussein is closely affiliated with the pro-Iraq Arab Baath Socialist Party. Prime Minister Abdul Karim Kabariti said Monday that the Iraq Baathist Party had played a role in the riots. Meanwhile, Reporters

Sans Frontiers, an international organisation for the defence of press freedom, has sent an appeal to His Majesty King Hussein for the release of the detained journalists.

Reporters Sans Frontiers noted that Jordan is a signatory to the International Convention on Civil and Political Rights. "Article 19 of which guarantees freedom of information," said the appeal sent to the Jordanian embassy in Paris, where the organisation is based. It appealed to the King to use his influence to have the Al Bilad journalists "released immediately."

It also sought the release of Mr. Hussein, "if he has not been charged with any offence."



## Opening of Salang Highway catalyst for Afghan peace

KABUL (AFP) — An agreement between the Kabul government and a powerful northern military faction to reopen a national highway will strengthen momentum for peace, analysts and officials said here Wednesday.

"Talks between the two sides, which started in mid-July concerning the peace process, have resulted in an accord on the opening of the Salang Highway," said Hamed, press secretary for Afghan Prime Minister Gulbuddin Hekmatyar.

"Our countrymen can use the highway with peace of mind," an official communique from the prime minister's office stated.

The Salang Highway, which cuts through the otherwise unmotorable moun-

tains of the Hindu Kush, connects territory of Afghan factions loyal to the Kabul government, and their northern opponents under the command of ex-communist General Abdul Rashid Dostum.

In addition to the agreed opening of the Salang Highway on Aug. 27, on the same day there will be an exchange of prisoners-of-war between the two sides.

"As a complete list of prisoners doesn't exist on either side the first exchange will not be complete, but it will be a beginning," explained Mr. Hamed.

The official opening of the Salang Highway, which due to factional fighting has effectively been closed to civilian traffic for nearly three years, is scheduled for

a week after the agreement to allow security posts to be erected and to ensure the passage is totally clear of mines, he said.

In addition to the opening of the Salang Highway and the release of prisoners, Mr. Hamed said a convoy of unspecified size would be coming to Kabul from the north carrying much needed petrol and diesel fuel.

The agreement between Gen. Dostum and the Afghan government was signed and announced late Tuesday from Sheberghan, the capital of Gen. Dostum's home province of Jawzjan, as well as from Kabul.

Mr. Hekmatyar, a former ally of Gen. Dostum who in May this year re-aligned himself with Afghan Presi-

dent Burhanuddin Rabbani, had sent a delegation headed by his son-in-law to hold peace talks with the northern warlord.

Before Mr. Hekmatyar returned to Kabul as premier, neither Mr. Rabbani nor the president's military strongman Ahmad Shah Masood had apparently been able to persuade Gen. Dostum to begin peace talks.

Mr. Hekmatyar's press spokesman said that a ceasefire dating from Aug. 13 had also been a spin-off from the talks in Sheberghan.

If Gen. Dostum joins the Kabul coalition not only will the economic prospects of the country vastly improve, but the position of the opposing Taliban reli-

gious movement in the south could weaken, analysts here said.

Kabul sources have spoken of a split in the Taliban ranks, claiming that one faction favours peace talks with Kabul, while the other still looks to the battlefield to settle differences.

They said Mr. Hekmatyar's stern religious rhetoric has apparently been accepted by some Taliban as a sign that a correct Islamic regime they wanted in Kabul may now already be represented there, thus depriving them of their moral motive to continue fighting.

Another move towards a normalisation in Afghanistan, which has been continuously at war since the Soviet Red Army

invasion in 1979, is the unconfirmed offer of two cabinet posts to Haji Qadir, who heads the eastern provinces Shoor, comprising the nominally neutral provinces of Nimgarhar, Laghman, Kunar and Nuristan.

Ever since the Afghan communist regime was defeated in Kabul in April 1992, Mr. Qadir has operated from his Nimgarhar base as an independent Afghan leader.

Following the opening of the Salang, the prospect of Mr. Qadir joining the Kabul government makes the overland route to the potentially rich central Asian states, eagerly sought after by neighbouring Pakistan, an even greater possibility, they said.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

## Ciller: Turk firms to attend Iraq trade fairs

ANKARA (R) — Turkey's Foreign Minister Tansu Ciller has said Turkish companies would participate in trade fairs in Iraq in an attempt to increase trade volume with Baghdad. "Our businessmen will participate in various fairs in Iraq in August and November," Ms. Ciller was quoted as saying by the state-controlled Anatolian news agency late on Tuesday. "Our businessmen will have to show big efforts to increase trade volume with Iraq," she said. Iraq agreed to a U.N. plan in May to sell oil worth \$2 billion over six months to meet humanitarian needs and pay reparations for victims of its 1990 invasion of Kuwait and other U.N. costs. Iraq will use \$1.135 billion of its total proceeds to buy food and medicine. Turkish businessmen, who launched several trade missions into Iraq last month, have said they could supply Iraq with goods worth as much as \$870 million — the entire amount Baghdad allocated to food purchases. Ms. Ciller said Turkey would get money from the U.N. reparations fund after Iraqi oil sales for its losses due to the halt to trade with Iraq as part of U.N. sanctions against Baghdad after its invasion of Kuwait.

## Palestinian gets 22 years for role in killing

LOD (AFP) — An Israeli military court sentenced a Palestinian to 22 years in jail here Wednesday for his role in the kidnapping and killing of Corporal Nachshon Waksman two years ago, army officials said. Zakaria Lutfi Najib, a 40-year-old from East Jerusalem, was found guilty of being an accomplice in the Oct. 9, 1994 kidnapping by the Islamic Resistance Movement (Hamas). He rented a house for the kidnappers in a village near Ramallah on the West Bank, brought food to the house and served as their intermediary, the court in Lod near Tel Aviv ruled. Najib was detained and his interrogation led the security services to locate the house and mount a raid on Oct. 14. Along with Waksman, the three Palestinian kidnappers and an Israeli officer were killed.

## Kuwait deputies toughen missile probe

KUWAIT (R) — Kuwait's parliament has given its public funds watchdog investigatory powers to probe a planned purchase of British naval missiles after officials rejected a cheaper French offer, an official said on Wednesday. "The public funds committee has been given the power of an investigation committee to look into the missiles deal," an official at the national assembly said by telephone. "MPs (members of parliament) complained about lack of cooperation from defence ministry officials," said the official, who declined to be identified. Investigatory powers will enable its public funds protection committee, which normally has a monitoring function, to summon defence officials for questioning, political analysts say. The opposition-dominated house in July gave the committee two weeks to report on the government's choice of British Aerospace Sea Skua missiles over French MM-15 missiles made by Aerospatiale. Kuwaiti newspapers have said the British missiles would cost 27 million dinars (\$90 million) and French missiles about 22 million dinars. MPs said that in view of the price discrepancy they want to ensure the planned deal involves no impropriety. The committee says it has not completed its report because it has not been able to contact Colonel Marzouk Al Bader, a key figure in the affair who headed a defence ministry committee that selected the French missile. The panel's decision was later overruled and the government chose the British missile. The defence ministry says Col. Bader is away on an unspecified overseas assignment. The government says the British missile was selected simply because it was better than the French. The missiles are due to be installed on eight fast patrol boats worth \$500 million sold to Kuwait by France in 1995.

## Kuwaiti convert leaves Kuwait for U.S.

KUWAIT (R) — A Kuwaiti convert to Christianity who said he feared for his life after an Islamic court declared him an apostate, has gone to the United States despite Kuwaiti guarantees of his safety, residents said on Wednesday. "I am in the United States, in a place of safety," Robert Hussein said in a recent telephone call to Reuters in Kuwait from what he said was a location in the United States. Mr. Hussein declined to elaborate on why he had gone to America or say whether he would return to try to overturn the declaration in an appeal due to be heard in September. Residents in Kuwait on Wednesday confirmed Mr. Hussein had left Kuwait on Friday evening and had arrived in the United States. A Shiite family court, ruling on a private civil suit brought against Mr. Hussein by three Islamic lawyers, declared Mr. Hussein an apostate on May 29 in the first such finding by a court in the Emirate. Public abandonment is rare in the Arab World. Mr. Hussein, who announced his conversion to newspapers a year ago, said the court ruling could be interpreted by Muslims as permission to kill him. Mr. Hussein's interpretation has been greeted with incredulity by officials and lawyers and also by several expatriate Christians who say he is grossly exaggerating the situation.

## Hizbollah wheels out heavy guns in polls

BEIRUT (AFP) — Hizbollah's deputy leader is to become the first senior official from the Iranian-backed group to run for a seat in the Lebanese parliament, sources close to Hizbollah said Wednesday.

Sheikh Naim Kassem will announce in the coming days his decision to head Hizbollah's ticket in South Lebanon, where polling will take place on Sept. 8, the source said.

His decision is aimed at countering attempts by the Lebanese government to curb the group's representation in parliament, he added.

It also comes after Hizbollah's crushing defeat in the opening round of legislative elections in Mount Lebanon on Sunday, when their candidate, outgoing

Deputy Ali Ammar, lost his seat to a pro-Syrian government candidate.

Prime Minister Rafik Hariri launched a virulent attack on Hizbollah Tuesday after talks with parliament Speaker Nuhbi Berri, and said the group would be excluded from the government's lists in the next rounds of voting.

Mr. Hariri said the next rounds in South Lebanon and the eastern Bekaa Valley, which both have Shiite Muslim majorities, would pit "the moderates who have faith in the state against the extremists who refuse the logic of the state."

The Shiite Muslim fundamentalist Hizbollah spearheads attacks against Israeli forces occupying a border "security zone" in southern

Lebanon.

Mohammed Raad, one of Hizbollah's eight deputies in the outgoing parliament, said the government was trying to "marginalise" the group.

"Hizbollah has paid the price for refusing to ally itself with (Electricity Minister) Elie Hobeika," he told reporters. Hizbollah had been offered a place on the victorious list headed by the pro-Syrian minister in Mount Lebanon, but refused because of his "past." Mr. Hobeika was the head of the Christian militia the Lebanese Forces in the 1975-1990 civil war.

The next rounds of voting for the 128-seat parliament will take place on Aug. 25 in north Lebanon, Sept. 1 in Beirut, Sept. 8 in South Lebanon and Sept. 15 in



EGYPTIAN PLANE BURNS ON TURKISH RUNWAY: A burning Egyptian Boeing 707 sits on the edge of Istanbul's airport Wednesday after overshooting the runway, hitting a taxi and skipping across a road before being halted by a railway line. Over 100 passengers escaped injury in the incident which the pilot blamed on bad information from the control tower (Reuters photo)

## Kuwait demands Israeli pullout from Lebanon

BEIRUT (AP) — Kuwait's crown prince urged Israel on Tuesday to unconditionally withdraw from southern Lebanon, signalling his country's backing of Beirut's rejection of peace overtures from the Jewish state.

"Israel should implement international resolutions instead of offering peace proposals to Lebanon aimed at splitting the Lebanese and Syrian (negotiating) tracks," Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Sabah said.

"The Syrian and Lebanese tracks go together and we support both. Anything else beside that is rejected," said Sheikh Saad, who also is Kuwait's prime minister.

U.N. Resolution 425, which was adopted in 1978, calls for the unconditional withdrawal of Israeli forces from an occupied border enclave in southern Lebanon.

## Turkey and U.S. in row over pro-Kurd television broadcasts

ANKARA (AFP) — Turkey and the United States are embroiled in a dispute over the broadcasts of a private television station which Ankara accuses of being the mouthpiece of an outlawed separatist Kurdish group.

Turkey said Wednesday that it had called on the United States to ban the pro-Kurdish television channel MED-TV which broadcasts via a telecommunications satellite of Intelsat, Washington-based international company.

"MED-TV is the mouthpiece of the separatist terrorist PKK organisation (Kurdish Labour Party)," Turkish Foreign Ministry spokesman Omer Akbel told a news briefing.

"Its broadcasts should be brought to an end in line with international cooperation against terrorism," Mr. Akbel said.

But U.S. officials say they cannot influence the programming of channels having contracts with Intelsat.

"The U.S. government has no authority to approve and disapprove contracts signed by Intelsat with entities operating outside the U.S.," the U.S. Information Service (USIS) in Ankara said in a statement.

"Intelsat, the International Communications Satellite Organisation, is not a U.S. company. It is an intergovernmental telecommunications organisation consisting of 139 members," the statement said.

Roj Sa, a private Belgian company operated by Kurds and registered in Britain, recently signed a one-year contract with Intelsat to resume the broadcasting of MED-TV on Aug. 12.

"None of these transactions involved the U.S. government, which in no way supports MED-TV and actively opposes the terrorist PKK organisation," the USIS said. MED-TV began its broadcasts in Kurdish and Turkish from Britain in May last year.

## Sons of Algerian FIS head on trial in Germany

DUSSELDORF (AFP) — Two sons of the leader of Algeria's outlawed Islamic Salvation Front (FIS), Abassi Madani, appeared in court Wednesday accused of smuggling arms and explosives to the violence-plagued country.

But the trial was immediately adjourned until Thursday as the necessary interpreters failed to show up in court.

Political refugees in Germany since 1992, Salim Abassi, 29, and Abou Al Kacem Ibbal Abassi, 24, are also charged with criminal association and forging official documents. Abassi Madani is in detention in Algeria.

His two sons were to appear with two other Algerians whose full names were not given prior to the hearing, whose start was delayed for lack of interpreters.

The four risk up to five years' imprisonment, according to a spokesman for the Dusseldorf court.

Over 40 witnesses are expected to testify in the trial which is due to last until Dec. 19.

According to the federal prosecutor's office which is in charge of terrorist offences in Germany, the four belong to an organisation devoted to providing support for the Islamic Salvation Army, the armed wing of the fundamentalist, FIS.

A bitter and bloody civil war has raged in Algeria between militants and the security forces since the army stepped in 1992 to prevent the FIS from coming to power through elections.

According to the prosecutors, the four deny belonging to a criminal organisation or procuring weapons of war for Algeria.

Police say that in a search of the home of one of Abassi Madani's sons at the

end of March 1995, they found a detonator, forged identity papers and a large sum of money. The two have been in custody since then.

Both Salim Abassi and Abou Al Kacem Ibbal Abassi were sentenced to death in absentia in 1993 by a special security in Algeria in connection with a bloody attack the previous year on the airport in Algiers.

They were convicted of belonging to a clandestine armed group, "The Sworn Faithful."

Five members of the family of Abassi Madani fled to Germany in August 1992.

In addition to Salim and Abou, there is his wife Saïda, their youngest son Ahmad and Toufik Tchikou, brother-in-law to the FIS leader were also condemned to death in his absence.

They all obtained asylum in April 1995.

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17:00 .....News Flash  
17:02 .....Circus  
17:30 Show — Surprise Surprise  
19:00 .....Le Journal  
19:15 .....Magazine — Ushuaia  
19:30 .....News Headlines  
19:33 .....Comedy — Here's Lucy  
20:00 .....Tarzania  
21:10 Star Trek — The Next Generation  
22:00 .....News in English  
22:25 Feature Film — "If Someone Had Known"  
23:59 Comedy — Family Matters

## PRAYER TIMES

04:37 .....Fajr  
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## Educators prepare for opening of school year

AMMAN (Petra) — About 1.3 million students will matriculate in 4,000 schools around the Kingdom Saturday of this week.

Minister of Education Munther Al Masri Wednesday chaired a meeting for the planning committee during which they discussed preparations for the new school year.

Dr. Masri emphasised a need to address any problems which might hamper a smooth start to the scholastic year.

He maintained the ministry has already reviewed administrative and supply needs as well as taking inventory of existing staff and appointing new teachers when necessary.

The ministry has prepared a special programme to receive the new school

entrants and their guardians in order to facilitate their entry into the scholastic sphere.

Dr. Masri called on directors of education, school headmasters and headmistresses not to overburden students with repeated demands for school supplies and stationery which he said poses a tangible financial burden on their families.

The committee reviewed a report presented by the educational training department on the role of school supervisors in ensuring an exemplary start to the new year.

The meeting was attended by education supervisors from the various governorates.

Also on Wednesday, the Ministry of Education

announced new regulations for the 1996/1997 General Secondary Certificate Examination.

The new regulations allow students who successfully complete the second secondary class or who have successfully completed the same class a year ago, or those who have completed the 10th grade successfully three years ago, or those aged 25 years and up to sit for the General Secondary Certificate Examination.

The regulations also allow students to take the examination for three successive years in the case of two unsuccessful attempts.

Under the regulations blind students are also allowed to sit for examination in literary and Sharia (Islamic law) topics.

## Pirating industry threatened by projected copyright laws

By Marian Nimry  
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — The enforcement of intellectual property rights in Jordan will have both negative and positive effects on the Jordanian economy, experts agreed at a seminar this week.

According to Ibrahim Jalal, technical vice president of Al Hikma Pharmaceuticals: "The primary and immediate beneficiaries (of the enforcement) are the developed countries," referring to the increased capital which will have to be allocated abroad mainly for the purchase of copyrights, trademarks, and patents. "But we have no choice but to enforce intellectual property laws in Jordan, since this is a requirement to join the World Trade Organisation (WTO)," he added.

The WTO, successor to GATT (General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade), requires the enforcement of protection of intellectual property rights for any country wishing to join.

In the process of ratification each one of its members, heretofore numbering 106, negotiates its own Trade Related Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS) agreement whose terms must be approved by all member countries.

"We want to obtain the same economic privileges that other member countries have, and if we join WTO, we will be better able to attract foreign investors through intellectual property protection," said Tamam Ghoul, member of the GATT talks coordination office.

The debate, organised by the Jordan Trade Association and attended by more than 70 people, included a panel from private companies and governmental agencies with stake in the issue.

The effect of enforcing an intellectual rights agreement on information technology will mean "higher prices for consumers, a larger deficit in the balance of payments, and blocks in access to information for students," said Marwan Bataineh, member of the Jordan Computer Society.

On a brighter note, Mr. Bataineh maintained that membership in the organisation would encourage local professionals to develop their own software, especially software related to Arabic language applications, while encouraging foreign companies to invest in Jordan as the country will no longer be accused of pirating foreign information technology.

"Software is a fast-growing market and is cheap to

develop," he said. "And developing countries are now competing with developed nations."

The pharmaceutical industry in Jordan effects production through a process patent. This means that the product mimics the original, but through a different process, explained Dr. Jalal.

"WTO requires us to sign an agreement enforcing product patent laws. The outcome will be greatly increased prices directly affecting the patient," he added.

The enforcement of the agreement will affect the pharmaceutical industry which is the third largest export industry in Jordan. In order to minimise the damage inflicted by signing such an agreement "we have to understand international regulations and utilise the loopholes by trying to modify Jordanian laws in such a way that they will prevent our society from changing from an industrial into a consumer society," continued Dr. Jalal.

The success of this agreement "depends on which safeguards the Jordanian team would take, and how the modifications [to the agreement] are tailored to protect the industrialised economy in Jordan."

## Indonesian minister meets Kabariti, visits SSC

AMMAN (Petra) — Prime Minister Abdul Karim Kabariti met with visiting Indonesian Minister of Manpower Abdul Latif Wednesday, expressing Jordan's desire to develop its relations with Indonesia while praising the Asian country's support for Arab and Islamic causes.

In reviewing areas in which Indonesia and Jordan share common interests notably that of human resource training, the Indonesian minister stressed his country's availability to effect action with Jordan in vocational training and through joint

ventures in which both countries could hope to profit.

The meeting was joined by Minister of Labour Abdul Hafez Shakhanbeh who previously had accompanied Mr. Abdul Latif on a visit to the Federation of the Jordanian Chambers of Commerce for talks regarding implementation of links between the business communities in Jordan and Indonesia.

"Jordan is our new station and we are ready to promote ties with the Kingdom and to find the proper mechanism to boost further relations," stated

the Indonesian minister.

He further stated that Indonesia considers Jordan its gate for trade in the Middle East and is determined to reach an accord with the Kingdom concerning economic ventures to be implemented by corporate sectors, adding that the two countries can finalise feasibility studies on such ventures within the year.

Dr. Shakhanbeh outlined Jordan's incentives for promoting investments and further elucidated the package of laws and regulations which create an atmosphere appropriate for

such endeavours.

Jordanian Federation Chairman Haidar Murad declared himself optimistic over increased trade exchanges between Jordan and Indonesia, lauding Indonesia for its industrial expertise as well as its expert capacity to provide Jordan with the necessary technology that it may develop its industries while aiding the Kingdom to market its products in South East Asia.

Following his meeting with the Prime Minister, Secretary General of the Indonesian Ministry of Manpower Swarto visited

the Social Security Corporation (SSC) and met with its Director General Safwan Toukan.

Detailing corporation activities, Dr. Toukan said that the SSC continues to invest subscriber funds in diverse development projects so as to ensure further revenues with which to cover pension and medical treatment for SSC workers.

The two sides have agreed to further contacts and exchange materials concerning the training of cadres involved in human resource and social security services.

## ACC to allocate JD 5,000 loans for rural families in need

AMMAN (Petra) — A group of 16 researchers from the department dealing with women-related issues at the Noor Al Hussein Foundation (NHF) Wednesday started a three-month survey in four governorates to pinpoint families in need of loans directed to modest entrepreneurial projects.

These loans are arranged by the Agricultural Credit Corporation (ACC).

The NHF is collaborating with the ACC and the Jordan Cooperatives Organisation (JCO) in the implementation of the survey to locate families who might benefit from up to JD5000 in soft

loans to improve their income by raising sheep, creating orchards, or other assorted small-scale agricultural projects.

The 16 began the survey in Madaba and will later move to Amman, Irbid and Zarqa that they might finish their survey by October, according to Nahih Kayed director of the NHF survey.

Mr. Kayed said that the surveyors will cover most of the villages in the four governorates before submitting results to the ACC.

The JCO will conduct similar surveys in the remaining eight governorates of the Kingdom.

## Children's cancer project receives help from U.S.

AMMAN (Petra) — Al Amal Centre and the American hospital St. Jude have been finalising agreements to provide for an establishment of a regional centre for the treatment of cancer in children.

Abdullah Khatib, President of the General Union of Voluntary Societies (GUVS), has described the accord as providing treatment for afflicted children in Jordan, Lebanon, Syria and the West Bank.

Dr. Khatib, who has recently returned from a visit to the USA where he met with children's cancer specialists in St. Jude hospital, said two senior children's cancer specialists will pay a visit to Al Amal Centre early in September. They intend to thoroughly

study the needs of the centre and to interview candidates nominated as potential specialists in the field of children's cancer.

Those who are appointed will receive four years of training in U.S. hospitals.

The agreement states that St. Jude hospital will provide medical consultation and advice, as well as administrative and medical support, to the centre.

A medical advisory board for the centre will be established, Dr. Khatib said.

St. Jude hospital provides free medical treatment for children suffering from cancer.

The hospital, whose annual budget of \$150 million is solely donation based, has centres world-wide.

## UNRWA Advisory Commission to meet in Amman next month

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Advisory Commission of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) for Palestinian refugees is meeting in Amman next month to examine an annually released draft report prepared by the agency's Commissioner General Peter Hansen covering UNRWA services in its various fields of operations.

The report is generally presented in September to the UN General Assembly in New York.

A statement from the UNRWA office in Amman Wednesday said that apart from Syria, Lebanon, Egypt and Palestine which host Palestinian refugees, the meeting is to be attended by delegates from six foreign countries who constitute the main donors to the agency.

These include the U.S., Britain, France, Japan and Belgium in addition to a representative of the Scandinavian countries.

The general meeting will be followed by an emergency meeting by the donor nations themselves to discuss UNRWA's annual budget and ways to cover the estimated \$18.7 million deficit in the 1996 budget, according to the statement.

UNRWA's headquarters, which moved to Vienna 18 years ago after pulling out from Lebanon following the deterioration of the security situation there, last month moved its offices to Gaza in a bid to cut down on expenses.

The plan to move the headquarters from the Austrian capital to Gaza was made following the establishment of Palestin-

ian autonomy in the West Bank and Gaza in 1994.

The statement said that the Advisory Commission will also examine the future operations of the agency in the Middle East noting that the donor nations last held their annual meeting in Amman last May where its members reviewed the agency's affairs.

The UN agency created in 1949 to serve the Palestinians who fled or were driven from their homes when Israel was created provides education, health and relief services for more than 2.1 million refugees including hundreds of thousands in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

UNRWA estimates that nearly 1.1 million refugees are registered with it live in Jordan.

## Beethoven receives open air debut in Roman amphitheatre

By Christina Schlegel  
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — Tuesday's performance of Beethoven's Symphony No. 9 was the first classical concert presented at the Roman Theatre, according to Amar Jahir, press officer for the National Music Conservatory in Jordan.

One hundred and fifty seven musicians and singers from the USA and Jordan participated in this unique and antique atmosphere.

The spectacle turned out to be a big success for the organisers of the National Music Conservatory.

Beethoven's masterpiece, written for chorus, orchestra and piano was perfectly conducted by Maestro Francisco de Araujo, a conductor celebrated in the United States, Japan, Middle East and Europe.

In his inaugural speech, de Araujo claimed an abiding affection for Jordan and the excellent performances of the Orchestra of the National Conservatory (ONMC) which he first conducted two years ago.

He added that the realisation of the event was a personal dream of his, born in 1994 when the choir performed in Jordan in co-operation with ONMC on the occasion of His Majesty King Hussein's Birthday.

"When I first listened to Jordan's National Anthem, I wondered whether it contained lyrics. I found the original and liked the melody so much that I decided to rewrite the text," de Araujo said referring to his first visit to the country.

He chose his new version as a curtain raiser for the concert and continued with a beautiful rendition of "America the beautiful."

The concert itself started with "Egmont Overture", followed by the "Choral Fantasy" presented by the chorus which combined two distinct choirs: La Camerata Nuove Choir which performed among other locales in Rome, Salzburg and Paris and the Frederic choir from Maryland.

The two joined by the orchestra consisting of the American-based New England Youth Ensemble (NEYE), along with members hailing from Canada and Europe.

The NEYE's members average age is 17, several of whom are first-prize winners in various competitions and have performed in the United States, Canada, West Indies, Europe and Russia.

The evening's most outstanding performance was given by the 13-year-old genius Gregory Magarshak performing at the piano. At the age of five, he gave his

first concert in the Alice Tully Hall performing Bach, followed by a Carnegie Hall concert presenting his own "Concerto in C minor."

The spectacle closed with the famous Symphony No. 9 including a "finale presto" performed by Meredith Mizell (soprano) who has a rich voice of remarkable range, Anna Tucker Loomis (mezzo-soprano), Gene Tucker (tenor) and Max Wittges (bass/baritone).

Mr. Jahir told the Jordan Times that the combination of Beethoven's masterpiece together with the amazing performance by the musicians and singers in such a distinct locale contributed to the evening's success.

The conservatory desires to present additional open air evenings but lacks necessary funds.

"The ONMC," he said, "was founded in 1989 and attracts professional and talented musicians from abroad for joined concerts. We would like to augment the number of concerts performed domestically and abroad. We have the talent but are still seeking funds to make it possible."

To give an example of what can be done with the help of donations, Mr. Jahir told the Jordan Times that upon conceiving the notion of performing Beethoven's

symphony No. 9 in 1994, the conservatory's orchestra was lacking three necessary French horns.

"Maestro de Araujo offered to buy them for a discounted price in the United States," he stated, "and the conservatory managed to raise the necessary funds for it with the help of Al-Ma'ref colleges and schools and Blue Bell Tours."

Pourcel's "Dido and Anyas" to be performed soon.

In an interview, Hafiz Al-Ashi, the conservatory's voice instructor for opera and Arabic music, told the Jordan Times that the institute's current project is the adoption of English-written opera "Dido and Anyas."

Mr. Ashi translated the whole piece into Arabic but kept the original music with only slight changes.

The orchestra rehearsals will begin next month. According to Mr. Al-Ashi there is no fixed date or location for its performance yet, but certainly this is going to be another opportunity to spend a lovely evening at the Roman Theatre.



The Roman amphitheatre in Amman where the concert was held (File photo)



# Russian guns pound Grozny; residents plea for help

GROZNY, Russia (R) — Russian heavy guns pounded the Chechen capital Grozny Wednesday and Moscow's top commander in the region said he was ready to attack the separatist-held city without further warning.

Warplanes screamed overhead and a loud explosion sounded after one flew over. A plume of black smoke then rose from the Zavodskoy district of the city, dotted with factories and oil refineries. Other parts of the city were ablaze.

The centre of Grozny was almost deserted. In the once-bustling market place, a commandeered Russian armoured personnel carrier with a Chechen flag painted on it was tucked between two buildings.

The shelling started in the morning, well before the expiry of a deadline given by deputy Russian commander Lieutenant-General Konstantin Pulikovskiy to the rebels to withdraw or face all-out bombardment.

Gen. Pulikovskiy had not made clear when his ultimatum would expire, but Russian news media appeared to assume it would be at midnight (2000 GMT Wednesday).

The top commander in the region, Lieutenant-General Vyacheslav Tikhomirov, Wednesday backed his deputy.

Interfax News Agency quoted Gen. Tikhomirov as saying he would give no further warning before launching an assault to recapture Grozny. "They (the rebels) will not live to see further loose warnings from me," the general said.

The latest raids took place hours before the expected arrival of Alexander Lebed, Russia's security chief ordered by President Boris Yeltsin to restore Russian control over the city and bring peace to Chechnya.

Gen. Lebed, who had opposed plans to shell Grozny, was due to meet Russian officials at the Khankala Military Base outside the city and later meet rebels in the village of Novye Atagi, some 20 kilometres to the south.

Rebels seized control over most of Grozny on Aug. 6 in an operation that has humiliated Russian forces. Hundreds of people have been killed in the latest fighting and the death toll for the whole conflict runs to tens of thousands.

In a sign of growing concern, the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), which has been involved in attempts to bro-

ker peace, withdrew from Grozny. Tens of thousands of people have fled from the city since Gen. Pulikovskiy said he would use planes and artillery to clear rebels from the capital of the southern region.

But the flood of refugees slowed to a trickle Wednesday after Russians appeared to have blocked the main escape route towards the northeast. Civilians trapped by fighting in Grozny cellars pleaded for help.

An elderly woman struggling along the road to escape the city handed over an appeal, written in ball-point pen on a flimsy sheet of paper.

"We are living in uncertainty and confusion, we feel that we have been abandoned in our own country. We ask that you do everything possible to stop this war," it said.

Fourteen people had signed the appeal on behalf of themselves and their families. It listed 32 names altogether, about half of them Russian.

Russian liberals called on Mr. Yeltsin Tuesday to avert the threatened attack, which Yelena Bonner, widow of former Soviet dissident Andrei Sakharov, said would be a "crime against humanity."

## S. Korean leader attacks pro-Pyongyang students

SEOUL (R) — South Korean President Kim Young-Sam Wednesday accused radical students of waging urban guerrilla warfare in support of Pyongyang and vowed to sternly punish North Korean supporters.

Mr. Kim was addressing the heads of 292 colleges a day after riot police stormed Seoul's Yonsei University to end a seven-day occupation by students calling for reunification with North Korea and the withdrawal of U.S. troops stationed in the South.

"This is a violent anti-government revolution that supports North Korea and can be considered as urban guerrilla warfare," a presidential statement quoted him as saying.

"The violent forces that challenge government authorities will not be forgiven under any circumstances," Mr. Kim said.

"The government will never accept violent students who believe in communism and (will) thoroughly punish anachronistic pro-North Korean forces," he said.

About 3,225 students were arrested after riot police stormed a teaching block at Yonsei, smashing through burning barricades of desks and chairs and lobbing stun grenades to dislodge mostly female undergraduates.

"The government will deal with all violent pro-North Korean demonstrations strictly by law," said Mr. Kim.

It was the harshest denunciation so far of the student demonstrators, whose leaders have been branded by authorities as Pyongyang stooges intent on using the issue of Korean unification to destabilise the government.

The campus violence was the worst since Mr. Kim, a former dissident under the

military-backed government, took office in 1993. Students were armed with iron bars and petrol bombs, and hundreds of riot police, as well as dozens of students, were injured.

More than 5,300 students were arrested in more than one week of unrest at Yonsei.

Authorities have sought to distinguish between what they described as naive students caught up in the protests and the ringleaders who meticulously planned the violence.

Most of the arrested students were expected to get off lightly, but the masterminds face prosecution, possibly under national security laws designed to protect South Korea against North Korea.

The two Koreas have been technically at war since the 1950-53 Korean conflict ended with a truce.

South Korean newspaper editorials also advocated stern punishment for the student leaders. "The masterminds and those behind the violence must be shown that the law will be strictly enforced," said the Dong-A Ilbo.

The public, once supportive of student demonstrators fighting for democracy in the 1980s, have now turned hostile.

"Police say they suspect the Yonsei protests were led by Namchongnyon, a federation of student university councils."

"While calling for dialogue with the North, the Kim Young-Sam group are suppressing activists for reunification. If they truly want to negotiate with the North, they must stop the suppression and ensure free discussion of reunification," it said in comments carried by the Korean Central News Agency and monitored in Tokyo.

## Burmese Junta jails 11 opposition activists

BANGKOK (AFP) — At least 11 members of opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi's National League for Democracy (NLD) have been banned seven-year jail terms by Burma's military authorities, an NLD source said Wednesday.

The NLD members, who were detained in May ahead of a key pro-democracy meeting, were sentenced along with Win Htein, a close aide to Aung San Suu Kyi around Aug. 15, the NLD source told AFP by telephone from Rangoon.

"Five of them, including Win Htein, were sentenced to seven years because they took video tape of fields which were dry and had nothing growing on them," the NLD source said.

Mr. Win Htein had acted as a liaison officer for Ms. Suu Kyi since the pro-

democracy leader's release from six years of house arrest in July 1995.

Ms. Suu Kyi and the NLD have repeatedly accused the Burmese Junta of artificially boosting production figures for agriculture, and said conditions in the countryside were not as rosy as portrayed by the authorities.

Agriculture, which accounts for almost half of Burma's gross national product, has been the centerpiece of the impoverished country's drive for economic development.

The NLD source said that those sentenced included Rangoon-based NLD members Po Aye and his son Maung Htein Lin, and two farmers from Irrawaddy division outside the capital, Kan Shein and Ko Hla Tun Aung.



## De Klerk apologises for excesses of apartheid

CAPE TOWN (R) — Former South African President F.W. De Klerk Wednesday apologised to Archbishop Desmond Tutu's "Truth Commission" for human rights violations under white rule, but said he never sanctioned an order to kill.

"I stand before you today neither in shame nor in arrogance, but deeply conscious of my responsibility," Mr. De Klerk told commission members bearded by Arch. Tutu, who won the 1984 Nobel Peace Prize for his non-violent opposition to apartheid.

Arch. Tutu's statutory Truth and Reconciliation Commission was set up to investigate human rights crimes committed in defence of white rule or in opposition to it, to pardon offenders and to compensate victims.

Apartheid ended in April 1994, when Nelson Mandela, jailed for 27 years for fighting white rule, was elected the country's first black president.

After four months of grilling testimony from mainly black victims of white rule, including personal accounts of murder, rape, torture and the killing of children, the commission this week began hearing submissions by political parties.

On his way to the Good Hope Centre Mr. De Klerk drove past a score of black demonstrators carrying placards reading "apartheid — never again" and "how many people died during apartheid?"

Inside, he was greeted with loud applause from the 300-strong crowd, mostly party supporters. Arch. Tutu began proceedings with a prayer.

Submitting a 29-page explanation of the actions of his National Party during 46 years of white rule, Mr. De Klerk conceded that many wrongs were inflicted upon the black majority.

"The National Party is prepared to admit its many mistakes of the past and is genuinely repentant... We have gone on our knees before God Almighty to pray for his forgiveness."

Mr. De Klerk said the state of emergency imposed by his predecessor, P.W. Botha, in the 1980s "created circumstances and an atmosphere which were

conducive to many of the abuses and transgressions against human rights which form the basis of the commission's present investigations."

He said most of the officials, police and soldiers who defended white rule were honourable men and women who believed they were protecting their country against communism.

"They were convinced that their cause was just, necessary and legitimate," he said.

"In dealing with the unconventional strategies from the side of the government, I want to make it clear from the outset that, within my knowledge and experience, they never included the authorisation of assassination, murder, torture, rape, assault or the like."

"Nor did I individually, directly or indirectly, ever suggest, order or authorise any such action," he said.

Mr. De Klerk said that after the National Party began to move away from strict apartheid, it was criticised from within white Afrikaner ranks for being too "soft."

"I suspect that many of the unauthorised actions that are now coming to light were at the time directed as much against the transformation process as they were directed against the revolutionary threat."

"It has now become clear that certain elements misused state funds and were involved in unauthorised operations leading to abuses and violations of human rights," he said.

Mr. De Klerk said he accepted overall responsibility for government actions under his leadership, but said ministers and military leaders should accept the blame for things they ordered or allowed their juniors to believe they had ordered.

Ending with a call for reconciliation, he cautioned: "No single side in the conflict of the past has a monopoly of virtue or should bear responsibility for all the abuses that occurred."

"We must accept the importance of reconciliation, of coming to terms with ourselves, our neighbours and our past — of forgiving and of being forgiven."



American actress Margaux Hemingway, the granddaughter of the late Nobel Prize-winning novelist Ernest Hemingway who was found dead on July 1 inside her Santa Monica, California, home may have committed suicide. KNBC television in Los Angeles reported Tuesday. Hemingway is seen in this May 14, 1989 file photo as she poses for the photographers on the beach at the Cannes Film Festival (Reuters photo)

## Margaux Hemingway 'committed suicide'

LOS ANGELES (R) — An autopsy on model and actress Margaux Hemingway found that the granddaughter of novelist Ernest Hemingway committed suicide by taking an overdose of a sedative, it was reported Tuesday.

KNBC Television, Los Angeles flagship of the NBC Network, said the coroner's office had determined that Hemingway, 41, whose body was found on July 1 in her Santa Monica

apartment, had died of acute phenobarbital intoxication. She had a history of epilepsy but according to KNBC she did not have a prescription for the drug and investigators are trying to find out where she got enough of it to kill herself.

A coroner's investigator declined to comment on the report.

The actress, whose films included *Lipstick*, *Killer Fish*, *They Call Me Bruce?* and *Over the Brooklyn Bridge*,

and *Inner Sanctum*, had a well-publicised bout with alcoholism after a near-fatal skiing accident and also battled bulimia.

Her agent, Graham Kaye, told KNBC, "whatever demons she was fighting is over now and... it's just time to let her rest."

Hemingway's body was cremated and services were held in July in her hometown of Ketchikan, Idaho.

## Legal system under attack in Belgian sex scandal

BRUSSELS (R) — Belgian media Wednesday accused judicial authorities of incompetence in handling the country's child sex scandal as the search widened for two young girls abducted by a convicted child rapist.

The whereabouts of An Marchal and Eefje Lambrechts were still a mystery after they were kidnapped in the port of Ostend last August by Marc Dutroux, a child sex abuser who served time in prison between 1989 and 1992.

Belgian newspapers lambasted the lack of cooperation between public prosecutor's offices and investigating judges, adding that investigators had ignored warnings about Mr. Dutroux's practices.

Several papers cited reports by an unnamed informer who said he told the public prosecutor's office in the southeastern town of Liege repeatedly between mid-1993 and August 1995 that Mr. Dutroux kidnapped children for money — 100,000 to 150,000 francs (\$30,000 to \$45,000) — and sexual abuse.

Two other girls — eight-year-olds Julie Lejeune and Melissa Russo — were snatched in June 1995 and handed to him. They died of starvation early this year while Mr. Dutroux was in prison on charges of theft and violence.

The papers said the informer also told the authorities Mr. Dutroux was building underground cells in his houses — reportedly some 10 — to hold child kidnappers prior to their transfer abroad.

A police report of the informer's allegations was sent to police in Lejeune and Russo's home town of Grace-Hollogne, but they did not appear to have taken

it into account during searches in the case or others involving Mr. Dutroux, the newspaper reports said.

Investigators searched two locations while probing a case of theft but found nothing suspicious. When asked about the underground construction in the houses, Mr. Dutroux reportedly said he was redesigning the cellars.

Two other girls — a 14-year-old and a 12-year-old — were rescued last Friday from a makeshift concrete dungeon in a house owned by Dutroux in Charleroi.

Judicial authorities in Neufchateau — responsible for orchestrating the rescue — won praise for their swift and coordinated actions. But authorities from the districts where Lejeune and Russo, and Marchal and Lambrechts lived came under fire.

Dutch-language newspaper *De Standaard* said the legal system had been slow, lethargic and insensitive.

It had not taken the investigation seriously it had told Lejeune and Russo's parents to accept the death of their missing children while they were still alive it had failed to monitor a convicted child rapist after his release, the paper charged.

Dutroux was released 10 years early in 1992 from a 13-year sentence for multiple rape and child abuse despite stern warnings from the prosecutor involved and his own mother.

In a bid to find Marchal and Lambrechts, an extra 30 investigators are being added to the team which widened its searches to a number of other countries, including the Netherlands and Britain.

Neufchateau Public Prosecutor Michel Bourlet told a news conference Tuesday

that there were elements in the dossier allowing him to believe the girls were still alive.

At least 15 children have disappeared in Belgium in the past six years. Seven have now been found dead, six are still missing and only two have been rescued.

Lejeune and Russo's horrible deaths from hunger have shocked Belgians who have been signing condolence registers, offering floral tributes and filing past the girls' coffins.

Between 50,000 and 100,000 are expected to attend Thursday's memorial service for the two friends in Liege, which will be broadcast live on Belgian Television.

Meanwhile, the detective who led the investigation into Britain's "house of horrors" serial murders was expected Wednesday to meet Belgian police investigating their country's worst child sex scandal, British police said.

Superintendent John Bennett travelled to Belgium to discuss the case as an international hunt widened for the two teenage girls abducted a year ago.

"At the request of the Belgian police, Superintendent John Bennett of the Gloucestershire Constabulary will attend a meeting in Belgium on Wednesday," said a police spokesman in Gloucester in the west of England where Mr. Bennett is based. Police could give no further details of the meeting.

Belgian detectives Tuesday asked Mr. Bennett, who dealt with the 19-month investigation into serial killers Rosemary and Fred West, for advice in their search for further possible victims of an organised paedophile ring.

## Hollywood threatens to sue U.K. over 'Oscars'

LONDON (AFP) — The U.S. Academy of Motion Pictures has threatened to sue the British government because it used the word "Oscar" to name an award it gives to deserving public service workers. The Guardian reported Wednesday. The academy, which hands out the real Oscars to deserving actors and film directors in a glitzy annual ceremony in Hollywood, ordered its British agent to protest about trade mark infringement, the paper said. The threat of action was so serious that the government's lawyers ordered all departments to refrain from using the words "Oscar" or "Academy Awards." The paper noted that the U.S. objections may have arisen because the British "Oscars" are so unglamorous. The Charter Mark, the award which the government had previously been calling the "Public Service Oscars," is described as a "chance to thank people who work in public services — from nurses and teachers to librarians and hinner (refuse collectors)," the Guardian said.

## Bogus Chinese reporter jailed for 20 years

HONG KONG (AFP) — A Chinese peasant was sentenced to 20 years in jail for posing as a reporter for state-run China Central Television (CCTV). It was reported Tuesday. The court in Yanzhou city in the southern Shandong province heard that Du Yuhua managed to live the high life by leading press delegations to visit state enterprises where they would be wine and dine, and given travel and other expenses as well as various gifts. Mr. Du was sentenced, for impersonating a CCTV reporter for two years as well as making and using counterfeit documents, the China-backed Ta Kung Pao reported. In 1988 Mr. Du was hired as a reporter by a radio station in nearby Qufu, but was fired two years later for disciplinary problems. In 1994 he began to use counterfeit press cards identifying himself as working for various state-run media. His crimes only came to light when the Propaganda Department of Yanzhou became suspicious of his credentials. The report said Mr. Du had hoodwinked several enterprises which had showered him with expenses and gifts.

## Child prostitutes rescued in Cambodia

PHNOM PENH (AFP) — Four Vietnamese girls aged from nine to 13 were rescued from a brothel just north of Phnom Penh in a police raid coordinated with an anti-child sex group, activists said Tuesday. "This particular brothel was charging \$500 for a virgin," Mick Kearney, a former Australian policeman who accompanied police officials on the raid in Svay Pak, 11 kilometres north of Phnom Penh, said at a press conference. The four girls, who Mr. Kearney said had been smuggled from Vietnam into Cambodia in the past six months, are now being kept at a safe house in Phnom Penh, from which they will soon be returned to Vietnam. "We cannot guarantee that (the girls) will not be re-trafficked once they get back to Vietnam, but we will try our damndest," Mr. Kearney, who works as a consultant for a grassroots organisation, End Child Prostitution in Asian Tourism, told reporters. Mr. Kearney produced a number of covertly-taken photographs, one of which showed a man Mr. Kearney identified as a Japanese freelance journalist who had allegedly paid \$500 to have sex with one of the nine-year-old girls freed during Monday's raid.

## 2 opposition officials slain in Haiti

PORT-AU-PRINCE (AFP) — A top official and a member of the opposition Mobilisation for National Development Party (MNDP) were shot dead Tuesday, escalating a round of political violence here.

Witnesses said gunmen opened fire on Reverend Antoine Leroy, the number-two official in the opposition party, and Jacques Florival, another official of the party, before fleeing in their vehicle.

Rev. Leroy's body lay in a pool of blood outside Mr. Florival's house. Mr. Florival was found dead in his car nearby.

No one claimed responsibility for the attack.

For many years Rev. Leroy has been second-in-command of the MNDP, which was founded and is headed by Hubert De Ronceray.

The party stands in opposition to the political movement personified by former President Jean Bertrand Aristide and his successor, current President Rene Preval.

The killings come at a time of heightened tensions in Haiti.

Early Monday about 20 armed men — reputed to be MNDP members — attacked Port-Au-Prince's Police Headquarters, killing

one civilian and wounding two police officers.

The gunmen also sprayed machine-gun fire and fired grenades at the presidential palace.

That violence was linked to the arrest Saturday of about 20 former military troops who were holding a meeting in MNDP offices.

On Tuesday, Mr. Preval said those arrested "were planning an attack on the national (presidential) palace" for Monday.

One of those detained, a source said, was ex-Lieutenant Colonel Leopold Clerjeune who was active during the military rule that ousted Mr. Aristide.

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LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — Sen. Frank Lautenberg (D-N.J.) Wednesday said he was "not sure" if he would support a bill to force the release of a woman held captive by a man who had been charged with the murder of a woman. The bill, which would require the release of a woman held captive by a man who had been charged with the murder of a woman, was introduced by Sen. Lautenberg. The woman, who was held captive for several years, was released last week. Sen. Lautenberg said he was "not sure" if he would support the bill, but he would support it if it was part of a larger package of legislation.

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## Powell hits the road with Dole campaign

Before heading back to Washington, Sen. Dole, Mr. Kemp and Gen. Powell, who were not accompanied by their wives Tuesday, paid a brief

"It's simply a matter of presidential will. If you've got it, you can do it, and I've got it and I will do it," said Sen. Dole, who in his 35 years in Congress took part in many budget struggles.

A CBS/New York Times poll published Monday showed the president beating Sen. Dole 49 per cent to 37 per cent, with Mr. Perot

An ABC poll taken on Aug. 17-18 showed the most dramatic tightening since the Republican convention, with Mr. Clinton at 44-40-11 over Sen. Dole and Mr. Perot.

Mr. Yeltsin, then newly elected president of Russia, ral-

"But I am convinced Russia will definitely master it and become a truly free Russia. And that will be the main result of the August victory."

Defence attorneys portrayed Mrs. McDougal as a naive young woman at the time of the offences and said she unthinkingly followed the instructions of her ex-husband James McDougal.

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In any case, this is the time to look ahead, not at the past, except where we can all learn from it. A comeback for the Kabariti government can happen. It happened to other politicians and governments elsewhere. It is a question of how and on what basis it can materialise.

also marks the beginning of the end of the real Khmer Rouge: at 66, Pol Pot's health is shaky, and his remaining troops pose a much diminished threat to the government. "Remember, this is not Rwanda," said a Western diplomat in Phnom Penh. "This is not in the middle of East Africa; it's in the middle of Southeast Asia, one of the world's most dynamic regions. By virtue of geography, its chances of survival are pretty good."

But its prospects for anything resembling justice are not

**Husam S. Khaldi**  
Amman



## Society on the Move

# Life goes on, despite the trouble

It's official. Last week's speculation that Director of Her Majesty Queen Noor's office Adnan Talhouni would resign soon has turned out to be true. He has now been named as advisor at the Royal Court, according to an official statement. Mr. Talhouni, a former ambassador to Switzerland and Morocco, has been replaced by Salim Kheir, who was director of the prime minister's office. While we have not officially heard about who is replacing Mr. Kheir at the Prime Ministry, indications are that a senior Foreign Ministry official, Ibrahim Nabulsi, is, or will be, taking up the job.

**SENIOR DIPLOMATS REMAIN ON TOP:** We pay tribute to six of the more senior diplomats who should be celebrating their hard-earned retirement years, but instead are continuing with their tours of duty at the ministry. They are ambassadors: Bassam Qaqish (Iraq), Hussein Hamami (Bonn), Ibrahim Naghwi (Secretary General of the Foreign Ministry), Fakhri Abu Taleh (Lebanon), Walid Batayneh (Pakistan) and Saleh Kabari (Turkey).

**WHAT ARE WE AFRAID OF?** Peace between Jordan and Israel brought along with it nearly as much upheaval as years of conflict, and academics want to know why. The Royal Institute for Interfaith Studies has invited intellectuals and academics from around the region to expound on

this issue at a conference this coming fall entitled "Fear of Peace." "Peace" can generate apprehensions about economic or strategic vulnerability, anxiety about erosion of identity and cultural assimilation, that demand sober consideration," says Khairy Janbek, associate director of the institute. Participants from Jordan will be Abla Amawi from the United Nations Development Programme, with experience in women's and human settlement issues; Tarek Tell, of the CERMO, a French research institute in Amman; Yusuf Mansur, an economic advisor at the Ministry of Planning; and Sari Nasir, head of the department of sociology at the University of Jordan. They will be joined by representatives from Palestine, Egypt and Israel.

**TWO SOUTH AMERICAN COUNTRIES** with diplomatic missions in Jordan will usher in September with a smorgasbord of festivities. This year, Brazil commemorates its 174th year of independence, and accordingly, Brazilian Ambassador Fernando Alves and his wife, Suely, will be doing their bit in Amman to make sure the event does not go unnoticed. Mr. and Mrs. Alves have called for a high noon "coup de champagne" at their home in Ahadoun on 7 September.

**ALSO, CHILEAN AMBASSADOR JORGE IGLESIAS**, is requesting that Jordanians join him for a little

Bafochi on Sept. 2. Bafochi, by the way isn't exactly an exotic Chilean dish. You have to watch rather than eat it. Bafochi, a Folkloric Ballet Troupe, choreographed and directed by Pedro Gajardo, will perform on the stage of Crown Prince Al Hassan Theatre, under the patronage of Her Majesty Queen Noor in cooperation with the Noor Al Hussein Foundation. Gajardo's choreographies have earned the troupe the Silver Torch Award — given at the Vinadel Mar International Song Festival — for three consecutive years. Chile also celebrates its 186th independence day anniversary on Sept. 18, and Mr. and Mrs. Iglesias are offering Bafochi "revellers" two weeks to recover before their independence day hash at their residence.

**THIS YEAR IS THE YEAR** the U.S. Embassy in Amman overhauls its staff, almost entirely, and it seems that the last few arrivals are about to come on the scene. It is still not known who will replace Robert Beecroft, the deputy chief of mission, who is taking up a new job as special envoy to Bosnia. However, Susan Ziaadeh, who will replace Jonathan Rice as information officer, will begin her tour of duty in September. On the other hand, Counsellor for Press and Cultural Affairs Marcelle Wahha and her husband Derek Farwagi will officially welcome the embassy's new press attaché, Stephen Thibault and his wife. Mr. Thibault took the reins of former press attaché Vangala Ram in late June. The new press attaché is a Middle East old timer, having served as assistant press attaché in Cairo and assistant pub-

lic affairs officer in Iraq. He also served as an USIS director in Thailand. Mr. Thibault hails from Boston, and claims that only his passion for the Red Sox equals his passion for the Middle East. Mr. Thibault's wife, Constance, and his two daughters will join him here later this week.

**A NEW VOLUNTARY SOCIETY** has been hatched — or should we say born? The Jordan Fertility Care Society was established last week, the first of its kind in Jordan. Its new board is headed by President Dr. Ghazi Ibrahim, an obstetrician/gynaecologist, and serving with him are: Dr. Abdul Salam Zeinili, vice president; Rawda Abu Taha, secretary general; Dr. Nabil Al Hirsch, treasurer; and Dr. Fadi Hadad, Medina Bakir and Shatha Hazimah, members of the board. The society's aim is "to help those who want children, but can't and also to help those who have enough," says Dr. Ibrahim. Their emphasis will be on birth spacing and family planning; but, he said, problems of infertility will also be high priority. According to Dr. Ibrahim, nearly 25 per cent of the population worldwide suffers infertility; and he says, the ratio in our society is on par with the world rate. The organisation does not yet have offices, but interested persons may contact any board members through their private offices.

Amy Henderson

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Alicia Machado, Miss Universe 1996, poses for photographs Tuesday on the dunes of White Sands National Monument in Las Cruces, New Mexico. Organizers of the Miss Universe pageant denied they had ordered Ms. Machado to shed pounds or else give up her title (Reuters photo)

## Pageant organisers deny ultimatum to Miss Universe

**LAS CRUCES, N.M. (R)** — Organisers of the Miss Universe pageant denied they had ordered their reigning beauty queen, Venezuela's Alicia Machado, to shed pounds or else give up her title. "We are distressed about the recent reports that the Miss Universe Organisation has put Alicia Machado on notice that she must lose weight in order to retain her title as Miss Universe," said Martin Brooks, president of Miss Universe Inc. Miss Venezuela Organisation officials said Monday in Caracas that Ms. Machado had been told by Miss Universe organisers to lose 27 pounds (12 kg) in two weeks or risk losing the title. At 5 feet 7 inches (1.73 metres) tall, Machado weighed 112 pounds (51 kilograms) in Las Vegas in May when she became the fourth Venezuelan to win the crown.

## What's quiet, clean and tough on bugs?

By Sarah Tippit  
Reuters

**ORLANDO, Florida** — People seeking affection probably shouldn't turn to snakes, turtles or iguanas. But reptiles are the fastest-growing segment of the U.S. pet population for other attributes, which aficionados say make them ideal domestic companions. They require little care, do not bark and can provide great natural pest control by eating all the flies, roaches and small rodents that come near them. "Reptiles are the animal of the 1990s," said Wayne Hill, director of the National Reptile Breeders Expo, which filled an Orlando hotel over the weekend with thousands of scaly creepers and crawlers and the people who love them. "They're the lazy man's

pet. You can feed them and go away for a week, and as long as they have water, they're fine. They don't make any noise to disturb the neighbours in the next apartment. They can be kept in aquariums like fish. They shed all in one piece, which you can pick up and throw away," Mr. Hill said. More than 6,000 people attended the convention, which has more than tripled in size since its inception in 1990. The reptile trade is a multi-million dollar industry, with reptiles sold outside international herpetological publications. Television crews from as far away as Japan, Germany and the United Kingdom covered the event. Mr. Hill estimated that U.S. sales of pet reptiles have grown by 15 per cent to 20 per cent annually in recent years. The range of reptile pets is

wide, from brightly coloured newborn snakes to iguanas to giant tortoises. Many are born in the United States, but others come from all over the world, not always legally. Customs agents at Orlando International Airport arrested a man who had arrived from Frankfurt, Germany, Tuesday carrying suitcases filled with 61 endangered Madagascan tree snakes and four rare spider tortoises worth more than \$100,000. The suspect, Simon David Harris, 25, of Blairgowrie, South Africa, led investigators to another tourist, Wolfgang Kloe of Rauenberg, Germany. Mr. Kloe, 33, was arrested by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at a Bushnell, Florida, restaurant. Convention officials denied the men were

attracted by the reptile event, but wildlife authorities disagreed. "That would be my conclusion, although it wasn't proven," Tom Quinn, a wildlife investigator for the Florida Game and Freshwater Fish Commission, said. Quinn supervised a pack of uniformed and undercover investigators assigned to monitor the convention by means that included asking hotel staff to keep an eye-out for traders. Most dealers do not smuggle. Some who deal in little-known animals create their own, crossbreeding to come up with strangely coloured animals and hybrids. Albino iguanas were selling at the convention for \$100,000, while beautiful yellow and aqua frogs sold for \$5 apiece.

## Ecstasy pills give Dutch government a headache

By Jennifer Scott  
Reuters

**AMSTERDAM** — Annette does not fit the usual image of an Amsterdam junkie — she's 20 years old, holds down a good job and only goes out at weekends. She and her friends are part of a new wave of drug users in the Netherlands, shunning the seedy backstreet world of heroin in favour of popping pills for pleasure Saturday nights. The emergence of Ecstasy as Europe's number one recreational drug is proving problematic for the traditionally liberal Dutch and providing European neighbours with fresh ammunition to fire at the Netherlands' tolerant drugs policy.

Attempting to fend off more criticism, Dutch Prime Minister Wim Kok recently announced an all-out offensive against Ecstasy production in the Netherlands. But the Amsterdam-based Drug Advice Centre says the move has come too late as production of the drug in the Netherlands is already in decline. It says governments should look to Eastern Europe for the source of the problem. "You can't export (Ecstasy) from the Netherlands like you used to because of competition from other countries. You've got to look eastwards to a larger and larger extent," staff member Herman-Louis Matser told Reuters.

Mr. Matser, who has regular contact with both Ecstasy users and producers, said increased policing of Dutch borders, tighter laws on obtaining the drug's raw materials and competition from Eastern Europe, means Ecstasy production here is set to decline even further. "The know-how for making pills is still here but that's also in other countries now. For example, in Britain, it's easier to smuggle Ecstasy powder in and make pills there," he said. The permissive Dutch attitude to drugs is one of the major stumbling blocks to the European Union's Schengen Agreement on open borders, with France a particularly vociferous critic. Detailed plans to combat Ecstasy production in the Netherlands will be announced after parliament's summer recess. But the move does not mean that the Dutch admit their drugs policy is ineffective. The government recently presented a barrage of statistics supporting it. It estimates there are 25,000 hard drug addicts in the Netherlands — 1.6 people per 1,000 inhabitants. In European terms, this is low. Britain has 2.6 hard drug addicts per 1,000 of the population, France around 2.5 and Switzerland 6.7, according to government data. Drug overdose deaths in the Netherlands are also comparably small, as is the

number of addicts with AIDS. Marcel De Kort, a researcher at the Foundation for Future Health Scenarios, admits that Ecstasy's popularity means a society with fewer addicts but warns that more people are leading a risky lifestyle. "Not many could predict the popularity of Ecstasy 10 years ago. It started in the second half of the 80s with 'house' culture and has become popularised in all segments of society and young people," he said. So how can the Dutch government — after its 20 year experiment in liberal drug policy — cope with these new age drug users, and can the rest of Europe learn any lessons? The rationale behind Dutch policy is that the goal of a drug free society is unrealistic, so the best way to tackle the problem is to educate users and reduce risk of use by screening. While Ecstasy — a synthetic drug called MDMA — was declared illegal in the Netherlands in 1988, users are tolerated. Dealers, however, are not. But Mr. De Kort says that unlike cannabis, legality of the drug makes no difference to Ecstasy use — the pervading youth culture is of primary influence. This has resulted in a rapid spread in the drug's use. Where cannabis took around 25 years to permeate through society, Ecstasy has taken less than 10, Mr. De Kort says.

Dutch policy centres on not consigning Ecstasy users to the margins of society, now the preserve of heroin addicts. A vital strand of the Dutch approach to Ecstasy use is screening — impure tablets can be lethal. Government guidelines for raves where Ecstasy use is rampant suggest providing free water to prevent dehydration and comprehensive screening. "The government is researching the whole screening business," says Mr. Matser. "At some parties there are almost more university and government researchers than visitors." "Breaking the law by producing Ecstasy is a police problem. What I care about is if people make products that cause harm." But critics say screening actually stimulates Ecstasy use, giving the green light to potential users who may otherwise doubt pill content. Education is also key. "Just say no" has become "just say know" as a drug prevention slogan. The rest, Mr. De Kort says, will depend on fashion and demand. "You can fight the supply side but producers may simply switch to other drugs. There are so many mind-altering substances, the sky's the limit."

## BOOK REVIEW

### Testifying against injustice and the misuse of history

*Peace And Its Discontents: Essays on Palestine in the Middle East Peace Process*  
By Edward W. Said  
New York: Vintage Books, 188 pages, \$12.

PEACE AND its Discontents is the first of Edward Said's 12-odd books which the author wrote especially for an Arab audience. It is a collection of essays, most of which were originally published in Arabic in Al Hayat and Al Ahran newspapers between September 1993 and May 1995. The Oslo agreement jolted Said out of his more usual role of explaining the Middle East to the West, or critiquing Western attitudes towards the Arabs. This time round, he took up his pen to address his own people concerning the catastrophic consequences which he saw as emanating from the PLO-Israel agreement. With the publication of these essays in book form, the English-language reader has now gained access to this intellectually coherent, dissenting record of the course of the peace process in the first two years that followed the Arafat-Rabin handshake on the White House lawn. The essence of Said's critique of the Oslo accord and its consequences is that Palestinian sovereignty, self-determination, claims to Jerusalem and chances for democracy and development have all been sacrificed on the altar of Israeli "security." The book includes an incisive critique of U.S. and Israeli policy, which is what we expect from Said. Still, there is impressive, fresh analysis in how he draws parallels between U.S. foreign and domestic policy — a linkage that is often ignored in the Middle East, except for references to the Zionist lobby. However, the most distinctive thing about this book is its no-holds-barred attack on Arafat's leadership, something Said had avoided doing publicly until a few years ago, when he resigned from the Palestinian National Council. One of his hardest-hitting points is that — intentions aside — the PLO negotiators did not even possess sufficient knowledge of U.S. or Israeli policy to avoid the pitfalls of what they signed. Said links this ignorance with the prevailing situation in the Arab World where lack of democracy inhibits serious scholarship in sensitive fields. As a consequence, there are no institutes or university departments for studying Israel or the U.S. — or other countries, for that matter — in depth. Said also derides Arab intellectuals who look to "American liberalism" for salvation without examining its history or limitations. However, Said saves his most scathing remarks for Arafat's disregard for democracy when signing and carrying out the accords. This is the most convincing and original aspect of his argument, for here he pinpoints the tragic convergence of interests: "There is a cynical Israeli policy of letting Arafat become as much a petty dictator as is consistent with their interests. Thus, the tolerance for his inflated police force and intelligence services... At the urging of Israel and the United States, he has instituted military courts that can arrest, detain and sentence people without due process. (When Warren Christopher and Al Gore visited the autonomy zones in March (1995) they commended Arafat's decision to establish these courts)" (page 157). Said is ultimately qualified to write this book. Since the 70s, he had been urging the PLO to launch a serious peace initiative based on mutual recognition between Palestinians and Israelis. Thus, Said's current "rejectionism" is far from a rejection of peace; it stems from neither religious fanaticism nor narrow nationalism, but flows from serious desire for real peace concluded between two peoples on the basis of equality. In *Peace And Its Discontents*, Said has lived up to the standards he himself sets for the intellectual: "...the role of the intellectual is that of testifying... against the misuses of history or against the injustices that befall the oppressed" (page 184).

By Sally Bland



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# Arts & Culture

## A movie divides Egyptians on Nasser — hero or villain?

By Salah Nasrawi  
The Associated Press

CAIRO — As an actor playing Gamal Abdul Nasser mounts the steps at a Cairo mosque in the first film about the Egyptian leader, a woman's voice rang out in the cinema. "I was there. All Egypt was there," she gushed.

Such emotional responses are common during showings of Nasser 56, the story of Nasser's nationalisation of the Suez Canal 40 years ago. Some audience members stand and applaud. Others mutter complaints at Nasser. Almost every scene brings comments from darkened theatres.

It is a reflection of Nasser's legacy. Twenty-six years after his death, Egyptians are still divided over whether to love or hate him.

Nasser, then an army colonel, led the coup that ousted Egypt's royalty in 1952. He headed the country during military defeats in 1956 and 1967, but was still regarded as the Arab World's greatest leader at his death.

Nasser 56 covers 100 days as the canal was taken from

British and French control — an event cheered by Egyptians and millions of other Arabs as a triumph over foreign domination.

The film stars Ahmed Zaki, a well-known Egyptian actor. It was shot in black-and-white to give it a feeling for the era of Nasser's presidency.

Nasser's last information minister, Mohammad Fayek, said a film tribute to the man was long overdue. He blamed Nasser's successor, Anwar Sadat, for trying to deny Nasser's role in ushering Egypt to independence.

"In essence, the film is a reconciliation with history and an attempt to reinvigorate the national spirit and will," Mr. Fayek said.

As the film begins, Nasser is returning to Egypt after he, Yugoslavia's President Tito and Indian Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru founded the Non-Aligned Movement — which the West saw as a challenge.

When the World Bank refused to help finance the High Dam at Aswan, Nasser considered it a Western conspiracy to deny progress to Egypt and moved to nationalise the

canal to earn money for the dam's construction.

During the nearly two-hour film — produced for 1.5 million pounds (\$500,000) by state-run television — Nasser is shown as a resolute leader whose main concern is his people.

As well as running the government and army, he is a good family man. While preparing to seize the canal, he finds time for a son's birthday party. He rejects a suggestion that the army build him a swimming pool to save him money.

But for some critics, the movie is just propaganda — and a waste of state funds.

"The film is an insult to the intelligence of the people," history Professor Abdul-Azeem Ramadan wrote in an article. Nasser was a dictator who ruled with iron and fire."

Prof. Ramadan noted that the film comes just as Egypt is privatising the state industries built by Nasser, which have proved unworkable in an increasingly competitive world.

"Is this not an irony?" said Prof. Ramadan, who has written many books critical of Nasser's rule.

But while the government is dismantling Nasser's social-

ist state, the release of the film comes as President Hosni Mubarak is trying to rebuild Egypt in line with Nasser's other dream — as leader of the Arab World.

Whatever the politics behind the film, Egyptians are rushing to see Nasser 56.

According to producer Mamdouh Al Laithi, the film earned 900,000 pounds (\$265,000) in its first week — a record for Egypt. Some 750,000 people have seen it in 18 Cairo cinemas. It will be shown later throughout Egypt as well as in Kuwait and Jordan.

Mohammad Al Hayawan, a columnist for the opposition daily Al Wafd — which was in the opposition in Nasser's day, too — said the film should not be used to renew old arguments but as a way to overcome them.

"This is history," he said. "All people have the right to know about their history so that we should not repeat the same mistakes."

## Pop videos come of age at Edinburgh Film Festival

By Jill Serjeant  
Reuters

EDINBURGH — Pop videos are art — and that's official.

Twenty-one years after British band Queen broke new ground with their stunning Bohemian Rhapsody, the pop video came of age at this week's Edinburgh Film Festival with a showcase in the oldest film festival in the world.

The world premiere of U.S. band R.E.M.'s Road Movie and a presentation by Jarvis Cocker — bad boy of the hit British pop group Pulp — stamped the film world's mark of approval on a genre often dismissed as mere advertising.

"While the majority of videos are formulaic, a few shine with imagination and vitality," said film festival director Mark Cousins.

"The best of these go beyond promoting their soundtracks to become short but perfectly formed films in their own right."

In one of the highlights of the film festival, which is often eclipsed by its glitzier Cannes and Venice rivals, some 700 people heard Cocker, Pulp guitarist Steve Mackie and British director Pedro Romhanyi talk about their work.

Artists as diverse as Annie Lennox, Paul Weller, Blur and Icelandic singer Bjork were being featured later in examples of the top five per cent of videos in the world.

"The dilemma in making videos is that in one way they are just an advert for a song. But I think that putting music together with pictures you can make something really good," said Cocker, who made his own video for Pulp's hit Babies.

Queen's 1975 video for Bohemian Rhapsody, which was shot in four hours and cost just £4,500 (\$7,000), is still seen as having set the trend in a then largely unexploited field.

Nowadays videos are more likely to take four days and the cost runs into hundreds of thousands of pounds.

In the money-spinning pop music industry, videos are no longer a luxury but a necessity if bands want valuable air time on satellite television channels like MTV.

But Cocker said most bands hate making them.

"Having a video made can be quite traumatic. Suddenly you hand this song that means a lot to you to someone else. Being told to play 15-second chunks of a song seven times in a row can make you go insane," he said.

But U.S. pop writer Douglas Coupland says the result can be electrifying.

"There's always five per cent of videos that take one back to that first surging crest of curiosity, excitement, sensuality and desirability of all good videos," he wrote in an introduction to the festival.

"Let us watch these videos and crackle with excitement and burn with colour, and then afterwards let's all run off to the bathroom and play with our hair — we're young again."



Street entertainers please the crowds at the Mound as the 50th Edinburgh Festival gets underway (Reuters photo)

## No beds, little money, but Fringe life still dazzles

By Jill Serjeant  
Reuters

EDINBURGH — The 18 members of Ukraine's Golden Gate Theatre Company are crammed into two tiny flats and there are not enough beds to go round.

Uri Hochman and his Artistic Revolution Theatre Group hitch-hiked to Edinburgh all the way from Israel.

But just like the other 1,500 or so artists from overseas, when the curtain goes up on their shows on the Edinburgh Fringe Festival all the hardship is worth it.

"The reputation of the festival is so high that we are very glad and happy to be here despite many difficulties," said Golden Gate Director Valery Patsunov.

"It is worth coming. The audiences are very good and very emotional," Patsunov added.

With its 187 different venues ranging from church halls and pubs to a multi-storey car park and botanical gardens, the Edinburgh Fringe Festival is unique among arts festivals.

What started in 1947 with just six companies organising their own shows as an alternative to the first international festival has mushroomed into a staggering 1,238 show jamboree featuring more than 9,000 performers over three weeks.

Fringe Society rules mean that no-one who wants to perform in Edinburgh can be turned away. But the sheer size of the Fringe means that every year one or two groups will inevitably find themselves performing to an audience of none.

"We always recommend that people wanting to perform on the fringe come to Edinburgh as a visitor first," said Fringe spokesman Stuart Buchanan.

"So many people have arrived in the past with high expectations and found themselves disappointed."

"Some American companies, for example, who are used to performing off-

Broadway have come and found they are playing maybe to only a handful of people," Buchanan added.

The Fringe Society provides performers with lists of flats and private homes offering bed and breakfast.

But even the most accommodating Edinburgh landlady can find it difficult to deal with the comedian who arrives home after a 2 a.m. gig or the circus clown who wants to practise juggling at dawn.

Funding a three-week stay in Edinburgh can be a huge undertaking.

Uri Hochman, 26, and two of his co-performers set off from Israel in February and travelled through Turkey, Greece, Italy and France, raising money on the way by hussling in the street.

"The costumes for our show are very simple, so we didn't need to take much," explained actor Yoaz Gur.

In the curtailed off section of the ladies toilet that acts as the Edinburgh dressing room for Kiev's Golden Gate Theatre, Patsunov admitted that conditions could be better.

"We have two apartments — nine women in one and the nine men in the other. Some are sleeping on the floor but we are getting some extra beds," he said.

The Golden Gate were lucky enough to get sponsorship for much of their trip. But they found themselves stranded without the cash to get from London to Edinburgh until the East Coast Railway stepped in with courtesy return tickets.

The chance of making it big and the sheer fun of being in a city that buzzes from dawn to the small hours is enough to bring most performers back again the following year.

If anything, it is the 500,000 or so visitors to Edinburgh who face the most daunting task on the fringe.

"Just looking through that 144-page programme gives me a headache," said one exhausted American tourist.



With audiences increasing year by year the Edinburgh Festival remains one of the biggest arts and entertainment festivals in the world (Reuters photo)

## ABBA's Anni-Frid makes comeback after 12 years

By Belinda Goldsmith  
Reuters

STOCKHOLM — All thirty-somethings who still get a tear in their eye when they hear The Drums Fernando and think of satin hotpants have a treat in store.

One of the two female singers from ABBA, the 1970s pop band synonymous with Sweden, is about to embark on a comeback.

Anni-Frid Lyngstad — the one with the dark hair — has just finished recording an album in Swedish that will be released in Stockholm at the end of September.

"This is like a new beginning for Anni-Frid," Anderson Record's Managing Director Marie Ledin told Reuters.

"I think it was very important for her to make an album in Swedish, her first in her own language."

Anni-Frid, who turned 50 last year and is a close friend of Sweden's Queen Silvia, has not recorded an album for 12 years.

She has, however, been active in animal rights campaigning from her home outside Bern in Switzerland where she lives with her third husband, Prince Ruzzo Reuss.

After the supergroup of the 1970s broke up almost 15 years ago Anni-Frid released two solo albums in English — Something Going On, produced by Phil Collins, and Shine — but

then disappeared from the music scene.

"She has just been very busy," said Ledin. She still is too busy for any press interviews, even about her new album, Deep Breath, that was put together by Swedish producer Anders Glenmark who also wrote the songs.

Did Ledin think Anni-Frid would have trouble shaking off the shadow of ABBA and her fellow band members Bjorn Ulvaeus, his then wife Agnetha Faltskog (the one with the long blonde hair) and Benny Andersson, her ex-second husband?

"Young people now don't know who she is so she will be a new artist for them," Ledin said.

Maybe not. The glory days of ABBA have been resurrected in recent years with an international revival of the group that shot to fame after winning the 1974 Eurovision Song Contest.

A resurgence in disco fever music has spawned a whole new generation of ABBA aficionados, who are again listening to original ABBA and copy versions in a list of languages including Hindi.

ABBA copy groups have also been popular, such as the Australian band Bjorn Again that has been on several international tours.

ABBA soundtracks to the hit Australian movies Priscilla, Queen Of The Desert and Muriel's Wedding have also brought the group back

into the limelight and renewed the popularity of a string of hits including Waterloo and Money, Money, Money.

Their song, The Winner Takes It All, was even played when Swedish athletes won medals at the Atlanta Olympics this year.

Anni-Frid is the only ABBA member currently singing.

The group's two men, Benny and Bjorn, have remained together in a song-writing partnership since ABBA stopped recording in 1981 after nine years together.

Their first musical, the cold-war inspired Chess, was a hit in London's West End, running three years, and still tours.

Their second musical, Kristina From Duvemala, which tells the story of Swedish immigrants to the United States in the mid-1800s, made its world premiere in the southern Swedish city of Malmo last October and is now running in Gothenburg.

"It's been a sell-out from day one," Anita Manskov, spokeswoman for Gothenburg Opera House, told Reuters.

Producer of Kristina, Gorrell Hanser, said soloists from the show will perform some of the songs, which are written in Swedish, at concerts in Minneapolis in the United States in October.

"We are also in negotia-

tions to sell the show to an American theatre group and we have had interest from several other countries," Hanser told Reuters.

She said Benny, who also has his own record company Mono Music, was working on a compact disc of the music from Kristina and Bjorn was translating the musical into English.

While Benny, Bjorn and Anni-Frid remain close links with music, Agnetha, has taken a lower profile since a solo album, I Stand Alone, failed to succeed.

She seems to have turned away from her days as a pop pin-up of the 1970s when she and Anni-Frid dazzled teenagers with their satin knickerbockers, platform shoes and sequin make-up.

Agnetha, now 46, lives with her children Linda and Christian from her marriage with Bjorn in a villa on the secluded Ekero Island near Stockholm.

None of the band needed to continue working after ABBA split up.

According to a biography of the group, The Name Of The Game by Andrew Oldham, Tony Calder and Colin Irwin, published this year, the band built up a business empire worth \$200 million during the 1970s.

The group's interests included a record studio, an oil trading company and even a bicycle factory, all of which were sold off when the band went its separate ways.



## Having injections without getting the needle

A NEW technology that is soon to be tested could revolutionise drug-delivery systems worldwide and largely eradicate the fear of needle injection.

A non-needle system, using powdered medicines, would also eliminate the risk of "needle-stick" injuries and the accidental transmission of viruses such as hepatitis or HIV.

Immunisation programmes in the developing world depend on keeping vaccines refrigerated before injection but there is no need for this with powdered drugs.

The system called Powderject, pioneered by Oxford BioSciences, is based on a small gas-gun that blasts powdered drugs through the skin at three times the speed of sound (600-900 metres per second).

Patients involved in the clinical trials at the John Radcliffe Hospital in Oxford will have their local anaesthetic delivered by doctors using the Powderject system.

If the system proves satisfactory, it could be used for



90 per cent of all injections, including vaccinations and insulin. It would not be suitable for high-volume injections — such as intravenous drip systems that must go directly into a vein — or where deep intramuscular delivery is needed.

The device is operated by a button-controlled valve that allows helium gas under high pressure to enter a chamber at the end of which is a membrane cartridge coating the powdered drug.

The prototypes are thrown away single-shot units costing about £1 each, excluding drug cost, but the company is developing reusable applicators that would be much cheaper for large-scale immunisation programmes — London Press Service Feature.

## Adults belatedly recalling sexual abuse as children

By Tim Klass  
The Associated Press

SEATTLE — For Julie Alley, it was all too real.

In early 1991, a man shouted at the 32-year-old computer analyst in an airplane. She recalled her father yelling at her before she turned 8. Next came nightmares of sexual assault, of her father naked.

In therapy, her recollections became more vivid. She sued her father, William D. Alley, a retired Seattle dentist. Her mother, brother and three sisters testified for her in Seattle's King County Superior Court. Two sisters said the father also sexually abused them. In mid-1994, a jury awarded Julie \$600,000 in damages.

For Patricia Rice, it only seemed real.

The 47-year-old Vancouver, Washington, housewife sought hypnotherapy in March 1992 to quit smoking and lose weight. Three months later, certain that her parents had raped and tortured her and made her eat a barbecued baby in a satanic ritual, believing a "good witch" was now guiding her, she drove into a head-on collision. The other driver died.

Placed under mental health supervision for 20 years, Ms. Rice accused therapist Regina Gamage of implanting false memories and filed suit. Three months ago, Ms. Gamage's insurance company settled with Ms. Rice for \$425,000 plus \$1,570 a month for life.

Recovered memory, repressed memory, hurried memory, delayed memory, robust repression, traumatic dissociation — by any term, the issue bedevils mental health experts, lawyers, judges and society at large.

In February 1993 the American Psychological Association formed a nationwide blue-ribbon scientific panel to seek consensus, the most exhaustive attempt at a scientific resolution to date.

Early this year the group issued 14 pages of conclusions, followed by 226 pages of point-counterpoint argument. By then the best-known member, University of Washington psychologist Elizabeth F. Loftus, a pioneer in demonstrating the fragility and malleability of memory, had quit the association and been named in two ethics complaints, which were rejected.

Bereft of scientific bedrock on which to base legal principles for unearthing a growing tangle of lawsuits, courts have taken varying stances on issues as basic as whether to allow recovered memory testimony.

Chuck Noah, a former construction worker whose daughter accused him of abuse, persuaded the Washington State Health Department last year to suspend the licence of Linda Rae MacDonald, the therapist who treated the daughter.

Meanwhile, he spends his retirement years picketing

therapists who support recovered memory theory. One of his trailers was torched in Olympia, Washington, in 1994. "I was very thankful that they didn't burn my RV (recreational vehicle), too," he said.

This year the picketing forced David L. Calof, a Seattle hypnotherapist and author of the bimonthly publication *Treating Abuse* Today, to relocate in another part of town.

In Philadelphia, Pamela Freyd is executive director of the False Memory Syndrome Foundation. She and her husband, Peter Freyd, a University of Pennsylvania mathematics professor, became co-founders after their older daughter, Jennifer Joy Freyd, accused her father in 1991 of raping her as a child. They have not spoken with her in more than four years.

At the University of Oregon in Eugene, Jennifer Freyd, a psychology professor, memory specialist and mother of three young children, is publishing a book, *Bereft of Trust: The Logic of Forgetting Childhood Abuse*, this fall. Out of therapy now, she still believes in the therapist she saw five years ago and in the reality of her recollections.

Here is the issue: Can people, perhaps millions of people, block out having been fondled, raped and otherwise violated repeatedly as children — some in rituals that include bestiality — and regain those memories as adults?

Some long-forgotten incest and other molestation is well documented. Research indicates as many as 38 per cent of adult women and 10 per cent or more of men were subjected to some contact sexual abuse as children. Other studies suggest a third or more of all childhood sexual abuse, including forcible rape, may be forgotten years later.

Yet even the most seemingly complete impressions of childhood horror can be a counterfeit mental currency coined unwittingly from news reports, talk shows, books and movies, spread by incompetent, unscrupulous or well-intentioned but misguided therapists, accepted at face value by the gullible, often tortured souls in search of psychological healing.

Which is the greater reality? Childhood nightmares reborn? Or unsettling pseudo-memories of horrors that never were?

Without a confession, witness, medical report, diary entry, supporting recollections by others, questionable behavior by the accused or some other corroboration, it's impossible to know.

Doublers such as Loftus, a \$400-an-hour expert witness in recovered memory trials and author of the book *The Myth of Repressed Memory: False Memories And Allegations of Sexual Abuse*, believe the answer lies outside reality.

"It's a steady diet of suggestion," she says. "It's not usually a therapist, you know, coming out with a specific false fact but leading you — it's almost more insidious — leading you to that conclusion almost indirectly and making you think it's your idea."

"The more times something happens, the better your memory. The longer ago it was, the worse your memory. Memories can be contaminated with interfering information, misinformation, post-event suggestion."

More than enough instances have been validated to prove that the phenomenon is real, even if the mental mechanism remains a mystery, insist supporters such as Judith L. Alpert, a psychoanalyst, New York University applied psychology professor and editor of *Sexual Abuse Recalled*.

"It is poor judgment to think that delayed incest memories can be explained away by pointing to had therapy," Alpert wrote in her overview of the book. "Rather than focus our revision on therapy, we need to face the overshadowed issue, which is that many children in this society are abused."

The issue echoes one of the earliest controversies in psychotherapy.

In 1896, Sigmund Freud suggested that neurosis typically arose from incest and other childhood sexual abuse that had been blocked from conscious memory. Facing a firestorm of opposition and outrage within the new and rapidly developing profession, Freud abandoned the "seduction theory" nine years later.

Instead, he proposed that neurosis indicated unresolved conflict over repressed sexual fantasies. Oedipus and Electra complexes in which boys supposedly wish to do away with their fathers and girls their mothers to marry the other parent.

As post-traumatic stress disorder gained official recognition as a diagnosis in 1980, some therapists suggested that buried memories of sexual abuse might be the source of similar symptoms.

In perhaps the first significant legal case, *Tyson vs. Tyson*, still cited in court rulings, the Washington State Supreme Court held in 1986 that the Statute of Limitations barred a recovered memory suit.

The majority cited the "imprecision" and "subjective" nature of psychology and psychiatry. Four dissenters denounced that as unfair to mental health professionals and dismissive of child sexual abuse.

One of those in the majority wrote that the dissenters' arguments "are most compelling" but felt the legislature should decide what to do about the statute.

In 1988, the legislature passed the nation's first law to make a specific exception in the Statute of Lim-

tations for recovered memory suits. At least 28 states now have such statutes, including 25 modeled after the Washington law.

Loftus, former president of two of the psychological association's divisions, and Alpert were among six experts, three from each side, who were chosen to form the working group in investigation of memories of childhood abuse.

With Loftus were Peter A. Ornstein, a University of North Carolina developmental psychology professor, and Stephen J. Ceci, a Cornell University psychologist who has done much of his research on children.

With Alpert were Laura S. Brown, a clinical and forensic psychologist, University of Washington professor and frequent expert witness for recovered memory claims, and Christine A. Courtois, director of clinical training in post-traumatic and dissociative disorders at the Psychiatric Institute in Washington, D.C., and author of the influential book *Healing The Incest Wound: Adult Survivors In Therapy* in 1988.

They were supposed to review and reconcile research on memory function and breakdown, especially in the passage from childhood to adult life, the specialty of the academics, with studies on the impact of trauma on memory storage and recall, the specialty of the clinicians.

A unified report was quickly ruled out. They did join in conclusions listing five areas of agreement, starting with the pervasive nature and lack of adequate acknowledgement of child sexual abuse as a social problem.

In January, a month before the report was accepted, Loftus resigned from the association. A Toronto columnist suggested she resigned to duck ethics complaints by Jennifer Hoult and Lynn Crook, who accused Loftus of misrepresenting the cases in which they won recovered memory suits. The complaints were found to be baseless.

The uproar over recovered memory centres on a memory storage and recall mechanism far more complex than recording and playing videotape.

Some frightful experiences — earthquakes, storms, wild-animal attacks, torture and rape — may never be consolidated in long-term memory. Perhaps it's a defence mechanism, a way to avoid becoming mentally unhinged. Inability to recall a single horrendous event is usually called traumatic amnesia.

At the other extreme, starting memories may intrude as recurring nightmares and waking flashbacks in post-traumatic stress disorder.

What is unknown is how memory of repeated horrors could be lost and then regained in full detail years later — the phenomenon called repression.

### ANSWERS

#### TEST YOUR MEMORY

List of names in the picture:

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#### BANK OF KNOWLEDGE

1. Koala bear  
2. Musk ox  
3. Giant panda  
4. Llama

#### PUZZLES

(A) Tom. (The first letters in the names of the lovers are three, five and seven letters apart; Joan and Tom continue the series and are nine letters apart.)

(B) The nine towns are:

1. Dundee 2. New Castle  
3. Glasgow 4. Leeds  
4. Manchester 6. Stoke  
7. Nottingham 8. Exeter  
9. London

## WEEKEND CROSSWORD

### CLOTHING REMARKS

By Norma Steinberg

ACROSS

1. Precious, in coin's trade  
2. Large food fish  
3. Casting sword Z's  
4. Quack  
5. Exact satisfaction  
6. Gains  
7. Modestly  
8. Admire  
9. In a suit  
10. Slender and  
11. Make divine  
12. Toppy's friend  
13. Raincoat  
14. Corporate outfit  
15. Enjoyed happy  
16. One's nerve past  
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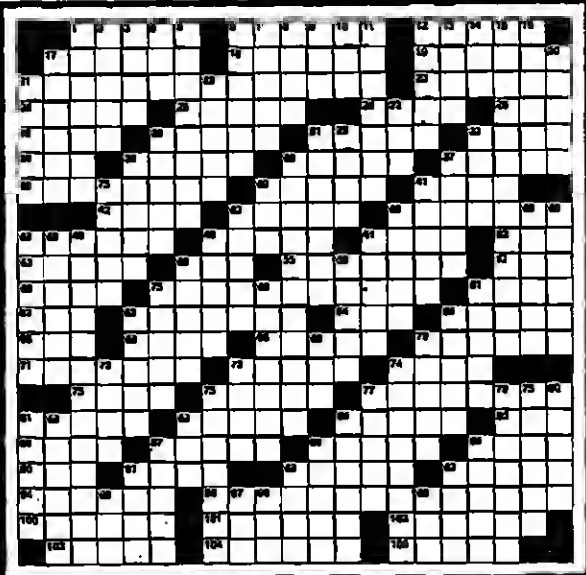
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### Diagramless, 15x19

By Frances Burton

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## Kids who overeat but fail to grow — a new syndrome

LONDON (R) — Doctors from the Institute of Child Health in London have identified a new syndrome that causes children from harrowing family backgrounds to eat and drink compulsively but still fail to grow normally.

In a paper published in the *Lancet* medical journal, Professor David Skuse and colleagues told how they studied 29 unusually short children aged from three to 13 years.

They were referred to the institute because of impaired growth. Blood tests showed they had

low levels of a protein secreted by the pituitary gland that stimulates growth.

But the children shared another problem — they overate compulsively, a condition called hyperphagia.

They gorged themselves when food was available, got up at night to search for things to eat and even foraged in dustbins.

All the children had stressful home lives. Many had been subjected to emotional, physical and sexual abuse.

But when they were in hospital and contact with

the families was limited, they quickly improved.

"The hyperphagic appetite disturbance did not persist in any child more than a few days into admission," researchers said.

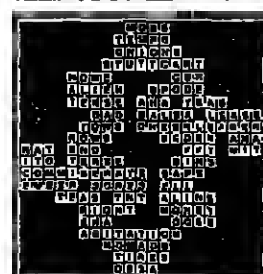
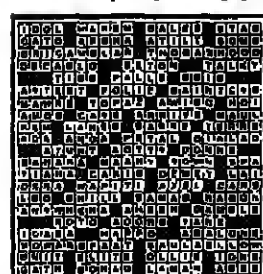
And, after a few weeks, even the children's growth hormone levels began to return to normal.

The researchers have called this new syndrome "hyperphagic short stature." They reckon that three per cent of short, otherwise physically normal children could have the syndrome.

The *Lancet* published an appreciation of the team's findings by Richard Stevenson of the University of Virginia School of Medicine in the United States, who said they had identified within the broad group of children with "psychosocial dwarfism," a subset with a reversible syndrome.

"The ability to discriminate a homogeneous group of children is an important contribution that will facilitate patient care and further research," he said.

### SOLUTIONS OF LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE



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## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Child killed in PNA police dispute

GAZA CITY (AFP) — An 11-year-old girl was accidentally shot dead during a dispute between members of different branches of the Palestinian National Authority's (PNA) security services here on Wednesday, witnesses said. She was hit by a bullet in the head when a pistol went off in the hands of a member of the preventive security service. He had brandished the gun to ward off municipal policemen. One of the policemen was lightly wounded in the hand, the witnesses said.

### Iranian health minister visits Iraq

BAGHDAD (AFP) — Iranian Health Minister Ali Reza Marandi is on a visit to Iraq to discuss cooperation between the two neighbours, the Iraqi press reported Wednesday. Mr. Marandi, who arrived Tuesday for a visit of several days, has met his Iraqi counterpart Umud Medhat Muharak and other officials, newspapers said. A series of foreign ministers and officials have visited Iraq to try to win food and medicine contracts since Baghdad signed an oil-for-food deal with the United Nations on May 20.

### Arafat gets okay to use own helicopters

GAZA CITY (AFP) — Israel has agreed to allow Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat to use his own helicopters to fly over the Jewish state between the Gaza Strip and West Bank, the Palestinian news agency Wafa said Wednesday. It said joint committees in charge of security and civil aviation would sign the agreement within days. Mr. Arafat as well as other members of the self-rule authority will be allowed to use their two Russian-built Mi-17 helicopters flying the Palestinian colours. The Palestinian leader has been using an Egyptian helicopter.

### PNA police confiscate Oslo critic's books

RAMALLAH (AFP) — Palestinian National Authority (PNA) police have confiscated books by U.S.-based university professor Edward Said from shops in the West Bank town of Ramallah. Palestinian sources said Wednesday. Bookshop owner Abu Samih Hamoudeh said it was the first such ban on an author's works since the PNA took control of West Bank towns from the Israeli military at the end of 1995. Mr. Said, who teaches at Columbia University in New York, is a prominent critic of the Oslo autonomy accords which led to limited Palestinian self-rule. He has stepped up criticism of the PNA in newspaper articles.

### Brothers save wife from sea then drown

CAIRO (R) — Two brothers drowned off Egypt's Mediterranean coast after saving the younger man's wife from the stormy sea, the government daily Al Gomhuria said on Wednesday. It said Sayed Gorani, 35, and his brother Ahmad, 40, had rushed into the sea to rescue Sayed's wife. They succeeded in pushing her towards the shore but were themselves engulfed by the waves, the newspaper added.

### Sudan sends aid following 'coup plot'

KHARTOUM (AP) — Sudan is sending wheat and other food staples worth 1.3 billion Sudanese pounds (\$963,000) to the Red Sea province following reports of an anti-government plot centred in the province's main city. The government daily Al Engaz Al Watani on Wednesday reported President Omar Al Bashir ordered that the aid be sent and 10,000 acres of land be prepared for planting in the province. A Cairo-based opposition group said last week that 65 army officers were arrested after the government foiled a coup centered in Port Sudan on the Red Sea, the country's main port. Government newspapers said officials had uncovered a plot to destroy port facilities but did not use the word "coup." Al Engaz Al Watani quoted Badawi Al Khar, governor of the Red Sea province, as telling a news conference Tuesday that General Bashir ordered Zakat authorities — those in charge of Muslim taxes — to supply the wheat, sorghum and sugar to the province. Geo. Bashir also ordered the ministers of finance and energy, who are visiting the province, to help solve problems with electricity and water, the government daily quoted Mr. Khar as saying. Mr. Khar said that 19 civilians were arrested along with a small number of military men after authorities foiled an attempt to destroy vital facilities in Port Sudan and disturb the country's supply lines. Last Saturday, the opposition Democratic National Alliance said 65 army officers had been arrested. A statement Tuesday from the London-based Sudan Human Rights Organisation used that figure as well and listed the names of 15 high-ranking officers in custody.

### Israel put off ouster of mafia chiefs

TEL AVIV (AFP) — Israel called off a mass expulsion of Russian mafia chiefs ahead of the May elections out of fear of alienating Jewish voters from the former Soviet Union, Maariv newspaper said Wednesday. The expulsions were planned for March but put off under pressure from political interest groups. "Senior police officials feared that these expulsions could provoke anger among new immigrants in Israel from the former Soviet Union," said the independent daily. Former Police Minister Moshe Shahal, whose Labour cabinet was ousted in May 29 elections, confirmed on Israeli Radio that "this expulsion plan was to have been carried out by police, but was called off by other (political) elements." The Russian immigrants' party Israel B'aliya won seven seats in the Israeli parliament. Some 700,000 of the immigrants have settled in the Jewish state since 1989. Several mafia leaders have joined the influx, profiting from banking laws in Israel to launder money and running prostitution and gambling rackets, according to police.

### Bahraini opposition demands reprieve

NICOSIA (AFP) — Exiled Bahraini opposition leaders on Wednesday called for world pressure on the Manama government to free political prisoners and grant a reprieve to three young Shiite Muslims on death row. Sheikh Ali Salman, Hamza Al Diri and Haidar Al Sitr, who have been living in London since they were expelled last year, also condemned last week's "murder" of a Shiite Muslim teenager who died in police custody. The authorities said he died of a heart attack. "We urge human-rights organisations to denounce the repression in Bahrain, ask the authorities to free all prisoners, including Sheikh Abdel Amir Jamri, and to stay the executions of three young Shiites," they said in a statement. The three were sentenced to death in July for the murder of seven Bangladeshis who died when the restaurant in which they were sleeping was firebombed.

## King urges dialogue, efforts to protect democracy

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acquired a special status in my heart and it has always been a source of pride for me and for the other Jordanian people," he said. "In order to overcome the regrettable events we should manifest further resolve to pursue dialogue and to protect democracy and to persist in avoiding differences and hatred against one another." "We should determine our course and destination. I repeat that through your vigilance, as wise men of this country, we have overcome the events of the past years as in the 1950s when we started work together for Jordan," he added. "Let there be dialogue and difference in views," he said, expressing hope that relations among Jordanians, "who are intent on serving their country, will grow stronger and stronger." The King reminded the audience that it was the

southern region of Jordan which welcomed the leaders of the Islamic conquest and Abdullah Ben Al Hussein in Ma'an and all Jordanians continue to take pride in the southern region of Jordan. The meeting was attended by Prime Minister Abdul Karim Kabariti, Royal Court Chief Awn Khasawneh, Chief Chamberlain Prince Ra'ad Ben Zeid, His Royal Highness Prince Hamzeh and Lieutenant-General Hamidi Al Fayez, the King's adviser on tribal affairs. Deputies and senators present at the meeting delivered addresses reaffirming their constituents' allegiance to the Hashemite Throne and denounced the recent riots and sabotage in the south. They also demanded that those responsible for the damages be held to account for their acts. The deputies and senators reaffirmed their deep faith in dialogue, democracy and

shura in handling national issues. They later described their meeting with the King as positive, useful and fruitful and said it was held in a brotherly atmosphere marked by affection. A government source told the Jordan Times that the riots in the south had given the government "a new push to adhere harder to its national policies." "The incidents in the south have proved that they were motivated by a desire on the part of certain elements to settle personal scores rather than to protect the increase in the price of bread," said the source. He said that certain corrupt elements, "who were apprehensive of the government's drive to fight corruption," had been behind the disturbances since "their own selfish interests would be negatively affected by the change in the form of subsidy for wheat." "Our conscience is at ease

about the measures taken in response to national responsibilities towards our country and people, and we will not be discouraged from our sound path," added the source. Noting that the King was to meet with all members of the Lower House of Parliament today (Thursday), the source said: "The King will reassure the deputies that parliamentary life will proceed unaffected as we cannot go back since parliamentary life is the best course for Jordanians and for ensuring pluralism, freedom of expression and respect of human rights." "The King will stress the need for ensuring non-interference between the executive, legislative and judicial authorities and the need to rationalise our democratic life, to be careful to differentiate between demagoguery and responsibility and to present all the facts to the people," said the source.

## King: Jordan depends on its workers to build itself

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Hashemite Throne and support the King's policies. He said that the federation and workers unions around the country had strongly condemned the recent riots in the south because they distorted the country's image, impeded national development and violated the spirit of true democracy. King Hussein, who was accompanied on the visit by Prime Minister Abdul Karim Kabariti and Royal Court Chief Awn Khasawneh, bestowed on Mr. Khaddam the Jordanian Al Kawkab Medal of the First Order in recognition of the federation's role and efforts to build the country. Following the visit, Mazen Maaitah, the federation's acting secretary general, said the King reviewed with the federation's council the current developments in the region and reassured its members that the situation in Jordan had returned to normal. Later at a meeting with the chairman and members of the federation of Jordanian Chambers of Commerce, the King urged further efforts for achieving the country's aspirations. "We are all partners in the building process and com-

itions of the same march, aiming to present to the Jordanian people the opportunity to attain a better future," the King told the meeting, attended by His Royal Highness Prince Hamzeh Ben Al Hussein, the prime minister and the chief of the Royal Court. "You are the builders of the future which we aspire to achieve," the King told the meeting. He expressed hope to hold more meetings with the chambers' members to discuss ways to pursue the path of progress. The chairman of the Federation of Jordanian Chambers of Commerce, Haidar Murad, voiced the chamber's allegiance to the Throne and support for the government's plans to reform the country's economy. "The federation, which groups 14 chambers in various towns representing more than 70,000 commercial institutions including banks, insurance companies, hotels, tourist agencies and other social and economic institutions, pledge continued support for the King's efforts to serve his nation," said Mr. Murad. "The chambers strongly deplore the sabotage activities which aimed at destroying the country's achievements and institutions," he said.

## Opposition drops demand

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ending the arrests and releasing the detainees, withdrawing the army from urban centres, and reversing the decision to lift the subsidies for bread and fodder. But he said the demand for the resignation of the government "might not" be included in the letter because "the government will leave office soon anyway and there is no need to step up the pressure." "It is obvious that the King will not sack the government under pressure," he said. Dr. Omoush said, however, that the IAF believes the government will be changed after the situation

calms down, citing a statement the King made in a television interview on Monday as a sign that change may be coming soon. In the interview with Middle East Broadcasting Corporation (MBC), on Monday, the King said he had no intention to change the government but added that there will be a review of the political process in Jordan once the situation calms down. Dr. Omoush said the King's announcement of a forthcoming review of the political process means that the King was contemplating changes in the government.

"The King is an experienced and wise leader," said Dr. Omoush. "He will not let the blunder of the government in underestimating the impact on the people of the increase in prices — which led to the disturbances in the south — pass unanswered," Dr. Omoush added. The government has blamed the riots on pro-Israeli parties and "outside elements" and started a wide campaign of arrests against people suspected of "inciting the riots" or taking part in them. It also imposed a curfew on Karak and deployed army units in the city. But political parties have denied involve-

ment in the riots and Karak residents said the riots were a spontaneous reaction to the increased economic hardships. After violence flared up on Friday, the King terminated the extraordinary session of Parliament which started in July. For their part, official sources were quoted as saying Wednesday that the government has started to release detainees and to withdraw some army units from Karak although the military kept a strong presence at cross-roads leading to the city.

## Shneikat will not resign despite disagreement

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professional unions before it took office in February, improving ties with Arab states, demonstrating commitment to democracy and working hard to achieve the programme of the Cabinet. "But, as a member of the government, a representative of the people and an ordinary citizen, it is my responsibility to express my views to you," he told

the prime minister. Agence France Presse (AFP) quoted Dr. Shneikat as urging the government to "publicly recognise that it has misjudged the effects of price rises and cancel its decision." He told the agency that Mr. Kabariti should have "taken more into account the feelings of the people, rather than giving priority to the (IMF-agreed) economic recovery programme."

## Life is largely normal in Karak; residents seek end to curfew

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the riots "were a spontaneous reaction to the increases in prices." The statement, which was signed by six members out of the 11-seat council, blamed the violence on "the little wisdom town officials used in handling" the riots and accused those officials of "conveying a distorted picture of the situation in Karak to officials in Amman." The statement, which was read out to the Jordan Times on the telephone by Dr. Mahadin, demanded the release of detainees especially Deputy Mayor Habashneh, and the reversal of the decision to hike the prices of bread. It also demanded the removal of all signs of military presence in Karak "in order for the situation to calm down," saying that people have the right to express their views through peaceful means and rejecting the destruction of public property. The statement said the city council "is concerned with stability and security of the country and the respect for all views." The Civil Consumers' Society, a building of the Ministry of Education and commercial banks were attacked during the riots. Rioters also burnt tyres on the streets and threw stones at police who used tear-gas and rubber bullets to disperse them. Officials have begun to estimate the damage resulting from the riots.

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## Palestinian National Authority facing financial collapse

AL BIREH, West Bank (R) — The Palestinian National Authority (PNA) faces financial collapse if an Israeli blockade on self-ruled areas is not lifted and if international donors fail to disburse economic aid, foreign diplomats said Tuesday.

"Within weeks the Palestinian National Authority may face a liquidity crisis and financial collapse," said Terje Larsen, U.N. special envoy to the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

"The budget deficit is estimated to reach \$127 million and around \$64 million still needs financing," Mr. Larsen told reporters at a news conference on the Palestinian economy.

"Failure to address the economic and political problems will lead to political instability that will not be in the interest of the Palestinian National Authority, Israel or the international community," he said.

International Monetary Fund (IMF) representative in the West Bank and Gaza, Salam Fayyad, said only \$985 million - or 40 per cent - of the \$2.4 billion pledged by donors in 1993 had been given.

Mr. Fayyad said donor failure to meet pledges forced the Palestinian National Authority to expand the public sector beyond its absorption capacity and to borrow.

"The authority hasn't received any financing for

the current side of the budget since June 18, 1996, and in the absence of resources, the liquidity position of the Palestinian National Authority will be threatened," he said.

Mohammad Shatah, head of the Palestinian Economic Development and Reconstruction Council said repeated Israeli closures of the West Bank and Gaza had created the worst economic conditions since Israel occupied the areas in 1967.

"Palestinians' total loss due to the closure is \$600 million since January 1996," Mr. Shatah said. Palestinian territories have been subjected to repeated closures since 1993. Israel clamped a full blockade on the West Bank and Gaza after a wave of suicide bombings by Muslim militants killed 59 in the Jewish state last February and March.

Mr. Shatah said the inability of workers to reach jobs in Israel had led to the highest unemployment rates since 1967 - 51 per cent in Gaza and 40 per cent in the West Bank in 1996.

Mr. Shatah said the blockade has caused sharp declines in Palestinian per capita incomes - from \$1800 to \$800 in the West Bank and from \$1200 to \$700 in Gaza in 1996.

He said that 166,000 Palestinian workers had been prevented from reaching jobs in Israel.

Israel has recently eased

the closure, allowing 45,000 workers to return to their jobs in the Jewish state, an Israeli official said.

The siege has also caused West Bank and Gazan exports, estimated at \$500 million in January, to fall by 50 per cent.

The negative effects of the closure, compounded by donor failure to meet their pledges, forced the Palestinian authority to borrow \$90 million from the World Bank, Mr. Shatah said.

Meanwhile, the Palestinian National Authority Tuesday lifted a ban on Israeli produce entering the Gaza Strip that was imposed in retaliation for Israel holding up Palestinian exports.

The Karni crossing from Israel into Gaza, which depends heavily on goods from the Jewish state, was reopened after a one-day closure. Nabil Tamoush, who is in charge of the crossing for trade between Gaza and the Jewish state, said Israeli authorities had been blocking some Palestinian exports for months.

Israeli security measures have been stepped up at all crossings from Gaza, holding up Palestinian exports, since a wave of suicide bombings in Israel in February and March.

Fifty Palestinian factories have closed because of extensive Israeli security checks at crossings, according to Mohammad Dahlan, head of Palestinian preventive security.

## Jordan's exports to U.S. given preferential customs duty treatment

AMMAN (USIS) — The U.S. Congress has recently renewed the U.S. generalised system of preference (GSP) programme through May 31, 1997 and retroactive to July 31, 1995.

The GSP programme extends preferential customs duty treatment to products from certain developing countries, such as Jordan, exported to the United States. The renewal of GSP takes effect on October 1, 1996, which is

the start of the U.S. Government's new fiscal year.

The U.S. Government is pleased the Congress has renewed the GSP, allowing the United States to provide trade preferences to Jordan. Importers have 180 days of file with Customs for reimbursement for duties paid from Aug. 1, 1995 through Sept. 30, 1996 on products which fall under the GSP programme. They will be reimbursed after Oct. 1, 1996.

## Clinton signs law raising minimum wage to \$5.15

WASHINGTON (R) — President Bill Clinton gave millions of Americans a raise Tuesday, signing into law a bill to increase the minimum wage for the first time in five years, by 90 cents an hour to \$5.15 over two years.

"For many this bill will make the difference between their ability to keep their families together and their failure to do so," Mr. Clinton said as he signed the bill surrounded by workers who earn the minimum wage and their children.

"It's about time they got a reward and today they'll get it," the president added.

The bill boosts the wage typically paid to unskilled workers in restaurants and stores by 50 cents to \$4.75 on Oct. 1 and by 40 cents to \$5.15 on Sept. 1, 1997. It sugarcoats the pill for the mostly small businesses that will pay the higher

labour costs by handing them \$22 billion in tax breaks over 10 years, paying for this in part by reimposing a 10 per cent tax on airline tickets.

The passage of the minimum wage boost is a victory for Mr. Clinton, who called for the measure when he ran for president in 1992, and his fellow Democrats who forced the legislation through Congress over the objections of many Republicans.

"This is a truly remarkable piece of legislation. It is pro-work, pro-business and pro-family," Mr. Clinton said in the elaborate signing ceremony on the White House south lawn.

"This is a cause for celebration for all Americans of all parties, of all walks of life, all faiths," he added. "We have made this a real season of achievement for America."

## HOROSCOPE FORECAST FOR FRIDAY AUGUST 23, 1996

By Thomas S. Pierson, Astrologer, Carroll Righter Foundation

ARIES: (March 21 to April 19) Decide on the best campaign to follow which can bring the greater progress today and then full speed ahead with your ideas for maximum efficiency. Later this evening will be good for consulting with some knowledgeable person.

TAURUS: (April 20 to May 21) Confer with clever close friends today and learn how best to gain your personal wishes, then on the tasks required to make those desires a reality. Later this evening you can go out on the town with loved ones and have a fun time.

GEMINI: (May 21 to June 21) You can gain the backing of a powerful person today if you plan your strategy in such a method of operation that you will make any ideas you have seem like it was his or hers in the first place. After important daytime activities, be with close friends.

MOON CHILDREN: (June 22 to July 21) Go over that new plan today you have which may require a little revision and you can seek the advice of fellow associates who are willing to lend a helping hand. Listen to ideas of new contacts and use their suggestions.

LEO: (July 22 to August 21) Talk over some new project with your mate today before you put it in operation and you will have a more successful experience in the days ahead. This can be fine for both of you and will make him or her more appreciative.

VIRGO: (August 22 to September 22) State your ambitions of a conventional nature today to one who is expert in such matters and get good advice in what methods of operation need to be followed for your success. Later this evening seek out close friends for some fun.

LIBRA: (September 23 to October 22) Plan the best way to keep promises you have made to other today and make an effort to follow through with everything you have mentioned. An outside fellow associate can give you good ideas for some new project.

SCORPIO: (October 23 to November 21) Make plans with allies for the evening's entertainment and make sure that your schedules do not conflict in the days ahead. You can then get busy with your special talent and perfect it so that you can achieve success in your tasks.

SAGITTARIUS: (November 22 to December 21) Be sure to do what your closest loved ones wish of you and follow through with them and you can gain a great deal of admiration. Take time this evening to make your home look more charming for special guests.

CAPRICORN: (December 22 to January 20) You have a good opportunity today to find methods of operation to handle regular tasks more efficiently which will gain you much admiration from those in authority. Later this evening you can have a good time with your loved ones at home.

AQUARIUS: (January 21 to February 19) You have very sensible ideas during the daytime which can make you successful, so follow through with them. The evening is best for making new contacts of worth who can be quite beneficial in your career activities.

PISCES: (February 20 to March 20) Be diplomatic today in showing your good friends how truly devoted you are to them and they will be very much appreciative of your gesture. Take the evening from all business concerns and just spend it with loved ones.

## HOROSCOPE FORECAST FOR THURSDAY, AUGUST 22, 1996

By Thomas S. Pierson, Astrologer, Carroll Righter Foundation

ARIES: (March 21 to April 19) You may find it difficult to get rid of concerns during the daytime today, however, this evening can bring happiness which will be especially pleasing for you and your loved ones since it could involve financial success.

TAURUS: (April 20 to May 21) Communicating with others is rather difficult during the daytime today, however, your social life can be positively brilliant. Later this evening you can have a successful discussion with a bigwig over some new ideas.

GEMINI: (May 21 to June 21) Use much care in the outside or business world today and guard your reputation against damage from misplaced loyalties. Use tact and diplomacy in dealing with fellow associates who do not have your best interest in mind.

MOON CHILDREN: (June 22 to July 21) Make the right contacts, today, however, avoid one who is overly glamorous who would not be good for you and who only has the idea of spending money as if there is no tomorrow.

LEO: (July 22 to August 21) See what can be done today to keep promises which you have made to others and must be fulfilled. Then you can have much happiness with your loved ones in some fun activities which everyone will enjoy.

VIRGO: (August 22 to September 22) A depressed fellow associate can be a nuisance to you during the daytime today, however, take this in your stride, and be cheerful and you can make great progress in your career activities. Tonight meet with some bigwig.

LIBRA: (September 23 to October 22) Be alert today to obstacles in the path of your progress and you can make this a most successful period for you. Enjoy the company of many close friends this evening and you can all have a wonderful time together.

SCORPIO: (October 23 to November 21) You may find it difficult to push your special talent in the morning today, however, persevere and you will be noticed by an authority figure who can be of great assistance to your success. Romance tonight with your mate and show him or her much affection.

SAGITTARIUS: (November 22 to December 21) In the morning today your conditions at home can never improve, however, by later this evening will be alright and you can spend some quality time with your loved ones. This time is good for socialising with friends.

CAPRICORN: (December 22 to January 20) You may find it difficult to communicate with others during the daytime today because of certain obstacles, however, if you are persistent you will discover that those in authority will be eager to hear your opinions on business.

AQUARIUS: (January 21 to February 19) You can get into financial difficulty if you take any unnecessary risks during the daytime today, however, you can minimise any reduction in assets if you follow standard procedures which have been successful in previous times.

PISCES: (February 20 to March 20) Get poised early today otherwise you could be going hither and your without real purpose and making any true progress for the days ahead. Remember your mate tonight and plan some special event such as a romantic dinner.

Birthstone of August: Pridot — Golden Quartz.

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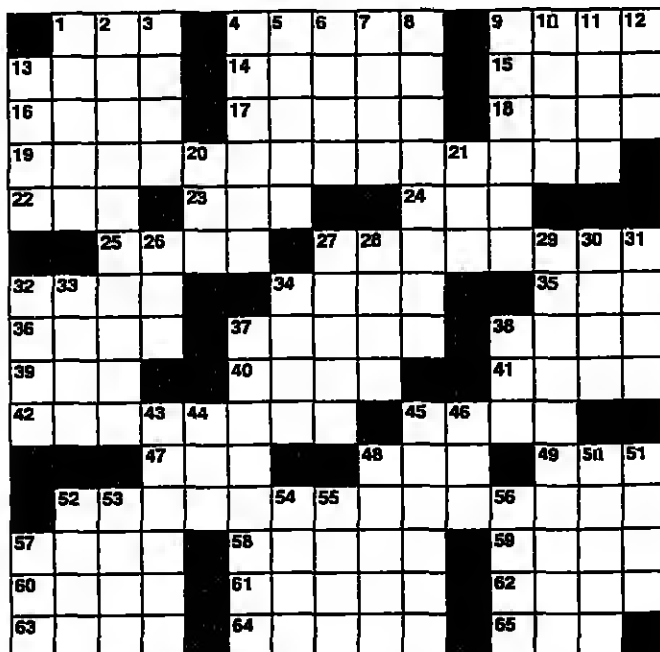


Intermarkets executives Sherif Koloian, business development executive and Ashraf Hassan, executive producer, receiving the Advertising Golden Awards of the Second Cairo Festival for the Arab Television and Radio 1995-1996.

the previous year, in a 1993 research conducted on the best TV commercial in Egypt. Intermarkets won the title of best commercial for sunflower seed oil called Sila.

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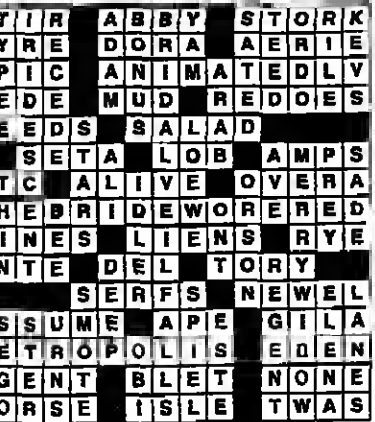
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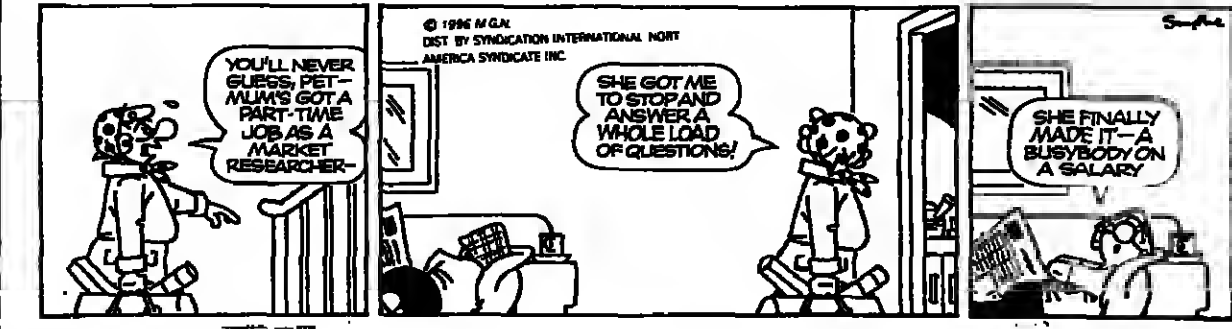


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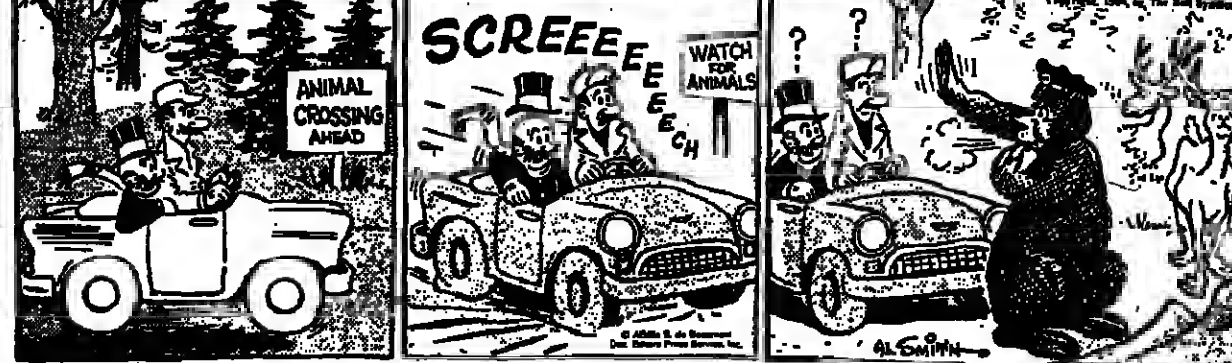
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Some say the government's promise to coopt protesters with an "iron fist" could backfire and lead to

The riots have also brought home the urgency of tackling grinding poverty in desolate semi-arid areas that have fed the tension

This will help job-generating investments to raise the private sector's share of the state-dominated economy, straddled with a \$7.6 billion debt burden which outweighs Jordan's \$6.4 billion GDP.

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## Jordanian athlete wins silver medal at Paralympic Games

By Roufan Nahhas  
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — Jordan's Imad Gherbawi won a silver medal in Men's discus F52 with a throw of 17.14 metres, the first for Jordan's Paralympic team, in the special Olympics currently taking place in Atlanta.

The team, four track

and field athletes and one weightlifter, is participating in the Paralympic games in Atlanta which is held immediately after the Olympic Games.

Iran's Lireh Jokar won the gold medal after setting a new world record with a throw of 20.34 metres. Gherbawi's solid win

in the discus competition came after long preparation and practice at a one-month training camp in order to secure a top place at the Atlanta games.

Accompanying the team is His Royal Highness Prince Firas Ben Ra'd and coach Fawzi Zard.

Three-thousand and

five hundred athletes are taking part in this year's Paralympic Games which started on Aug. 15 and will continue until Aug. 25.

The Paralympic Games use the same fields and tracks of the Olympic games but with special specifications to suite the athletes.

## Mezgebu outsprints Chelule to win 10,000m at world juniors

SYDNEY (AFP) — Ethiopian Assefa Mezgebu outsprinted Kenyan favourite David Chelule in the straight to win a thrilling 10,000 metres final on the opening day of the sixth IAAF World Junior Athletic Championship here Wednesday.

Mezgebu, last year's world junior cross country champion, tracked Chelule into the straight and surged clear to win in 28 minutes 27.79 seconds from Chelule with Japan's Tetsuhiro Furuta third.

Mezgebu, who trains with Atlanta Olympic 10,000m gold medalist Haile Gebrselassie in Addis Ababa, was confident of victory as he sat on Chelule for most of the second half of the race.

"Over the last three laps I knew I would win," said 18-year-old Mezgebu. "It was not a hard race, not an easy one, medium I would say."

Chelule led from the 6,000m after Kenyan David Ngetich and Tanzanian Marko Hlavu had set the early pace. The first 5,000m was covered in 14min 34.22secs.

Gebrselassie won this event at the 1992 Seoul Junior World Championships in a championship record time of 28min 03.99 seconds.

Chelule failed to attend a post-race press conference with his coach saying that he wasn't well. "He left the track dizzy and uncoordinated," was the message sent to journalists.

Nigerians dominated the opening rounds of the men's 100m sprints with Seun Ogunkoya claiming the fastest qualifying time into Thursday's semifinals in 10.54 seconds ahead of New Zealand's Dean Wise (10.66 seconds) and teammate Francis Obikwelu, the event favourite, who was

easing up in his heat in 10.69 seconds.

Polish teammates Piotr Haczek and Piotr Dlugosielski headed the qualifiers for the men's 400m semifinals. Haczek won his heat in 47.11seconds, 0.06 seconds ahead of Dlugosielski.

German Carlos Gachanja claimed third fastest in 47.18 seconds beating home American Obea Moore, who had plenty to spare with his time of 47.23seconds.

Kenyan Japbet Kimutai, aiming to go one better than his second at the last 1994 World Junior Championships, was the fastest through to Thursday's 800m semifinals in 1min 47.89 seconds ahead of South African Clyde Colenso and Australian Grant Cremer.

The Kenyans believe 17-year-old Kimutai is set to attack Brazilian Joaquim Cruz's world junior record of 1 minute 44.3 seconds over the next few days.

Hungarian Attila Zsvitsky led the decathlon after the first five disciplines with 4,029 points from Dutchman Chiel Warners (3,929 points) and Australian James Fitzpatrick (3,918 points).

South African Llewellyn Herbert shaded Latvia's Marians Zigmunds as the fastest qualifier into Thursday's semifinals of the 400m hurdles.

Herbert won his heat in 51.70 seconds, 0.01 of a second ahead of Zigmunds with Kenyan Isaac Magut running a personal best to be third fastest in 51.76 seconds.

Powerful Bulgarian Nora Ivanova is the overwhelming favourite for the women's 100m after streaking away in her heat in the fastest qualifying time of 11.53 seconds.

Ivanova, who went 11.34

seconds in her first round heat, was ahead of American duo, Andrea Anderson (11.60 seconds) and Lakeisha White (11.63 seconds) going into Thursday's semifinals.

Ivanova, the 1995 European junior 200m champion, is the daughter of former national recordholders, Vladimir Ivanov and Lilianna Panaiotova.

American Suzanne Reid was fastest in the women's 400m qualifying ahead of Cindy Ega of France and American Rosemary Hayward. Reid, from the University of Texas, clocked 53.88 seconds with Ega 0.10 seconds behind.

Kenyan Elizabeth Chemeno cruised into Thursday's 3,000m final with a fastest 9 minute 16.55 seconds heat win from Romanian Maria Ungureanu (9:17.03) and the other heat winner, Eteferahu Tarekegne of Ethiopia (9:17.10).

Germany's Claudia Gesell qualified fastest ahead of Romanian Anca Safta for Thursday's 800m semifinals with 2 minutes 05.66 seconds.

Safta clocked 2:06.24 with Cuba's Mayrelis Fuentes Del Rio third fastest in 2:06.25.

Cuban Noraida Biciet Juan set a personal best 56.02m to be the top qualifier going into Friday's women's javelin final.

Biciet Juan headed Hungarian Nikolett Szabo (55.66m) and compatriot Osleidis Menendes (55.28m).

Sharon Cripps, a member of Australia's 4x100m relay team in Atlanta, withdrew from the championships with a suspected shin stress fracture, she believes she sustained at the Olympics earlier this month.

## Halling blazes into turf history books

YORK, England (R) — Halling, the 6-4 favourite, blazed his way into the turf history books Tuesday, winning the group 1 Juddmonte International for the second year in succession.

Halling became the first horse to win both the international and Sandown's prestigious Eclipse Stakes twice.

Ridden by champion jockey Frankie Dettori, Halling led all the way in the 10 furlong (2-kilometres) test and stormed home three lengths clear from Royal Ascot and Goodwood winner Mount of Michael Hills.

Bijou D'Inde (4-1), ridden by Jason Weaver, stayed on well to finish third of the six runners a further one and a half lengths away.

Halling belongs to Sheikh Mohammad's Godolphin Operation and is trained by Saeed Ben Suloor. Tuesday's victory was his 12th from his last 14 races.

billed as the race of the year so far, the huge crowd were not disappointed as Dettori steered Halling home. Twenty years ago Dettori's father Gianfranco captured the race on Wollow.

"It's great to emulate my father. Halling has got everything — pace and stamina," Dettori enthused.

"When I asked him to quicken he changed his legs and took off. I took one look round but by then the others were finished."

Halling is a five-year-old and this is probably his last season, said Godolphin's Racing Manager Simon Crisford.

"He will probably have one more run in either the (Newmarket) Champion Stakes, the Prix De L'Arc De Triomphe or Breeders' Cup Turf."



Her Royal Highness Princess Alia Bint Al Hussein presents one of the trophies to Yaser Al Sharif after the Syrian participant won the Jerash and the Dome of the Rock competitions Wednesday

## Bisharat wins Hit and Run show jumping event

Text and photos by Munem Fakhouri

AMMAN — The Royal International Horse Show Jumping Competition began Wednesday with Jordan's Hani Bisharat winning the first place in the Hit And Run Competition.

Bisharat received the Greater Amman Municipality Cup from Her Royal Highness Princess Alia Bint Al Hussein, president of the Royal Jordanian Equestrian Federation.

Yaser Al Sharif of Syria won the first place in the Jerash and the Dome of the Rock Competitions and won two cups donated by Crown and Forte Grand hotels.

Princess Alia officially opened the Show at the Arabian Horse Club. Competing in the show are participants from Jordan, Syria, Palestine and Germany.

Three other competitions will be held at the Arabian Horse club Thursday. Following are results of the first day events:

Jarash Competition:  
First: Yaser Al Sharif,

Syria  
Second: Shadi Gharib, Syria  
Third: Hani Bisharat, Jordan  
Fourth: Hani Bisharat, Jordan  
Fifth: Muhannad Al Taher, Jordan

Musab Competition (Hit and Run)

First: Hani Bisharat, Jordan  
Second: Yaser Sharif, Syria  
Third: Hussein Al Mirri, Qatar  
Fourth: Diya Totani, Syria  
Fifth: Hani Bisharat, Jordan  
Sixth: Abdul Latif Al Hajiri, Qatar

Dome of the Rock Competition

First: Yaser Sharif, Syria  
Second: Hani Bisharat, Jordan  
Third: Ali Rmeih, Qatar  
Fourth: Fares Al Taher, Jordan  
Fifth: Shadi Gharib, Syria



Hani Bisharat hold his trophy after winning the Hit and Run competition in the first day of the Royal International Horse Show Jumping competition Wednesday

## Bungu retains IBF title

PRETORIA, South Africa (AP) — Vuyani Bungu held onto his International Boxing Federation junior featherweight title Tuesday with a unanimous points victory over Jesus Salud of the Philippines.

Bungu combined a relentless attack with superb defence. The fact that he was unable to put his opponent on the canvas was probably more testimony to Salud's granite jaw than any lack of punching power on the South African's part. Salud has never been down in his previous 60 bouts.

Bungu began the fight tentatively but started taking control in the third round. By the sixth, he was all over the United States-based Filipino.

In the ninth, Bungu rushed his opponent and threw left and right jabs and hooks that found their way to the head of a stunned Salud.

His onslaught continued well into the 10th, but about halfway through Salud started landing a few punches to the head, which finally stopped Bungu's absolute domination.

Bungu saw out the 12th and final round from the outside, content to score with his jab.

## Namibia out to enhance reputation

JOHANNESBURG (R) — Namibia's soccer team, who took four years to win their first match, now seek to continue a long-standing run of unbeaten results in this weekend's African Nations Cup qualifying matches.

Namibia host Botswana in Windhoek Saturday in one of four preliminary round, second leg matches ahead of the start of the group qualifiers for the 1998 finals in Burkina Faso.

In the other matches, Togo host Congo in Lome, Mauritania attempt to overcome a three-goal deficit at home to Benin in Nouakchott and the tiny Seychelles have a very real chance of an upset victory over Mauritius.

Namibia, who have been members of the International Soccer Community for only six years and are ranked 109th in the FIFA rankings, forced a goalless draw in the first leg in Gaborone two weeks ago to stretch their unbeaten record to 15 months and seven matches.

Included in that run was a surprise World Cup win over Mozambique two months ago which has given the arid Southern African country a whole new footballing profile.

"The team has really improved and is very dedicated," said midfielder Eliphas Shivute, who had

to give up soccer for three years to earn a living as a miner.

Few of the youthful team, whose eldest member is 26, have regular employment and players earn less than \$100 per appearance for the national team.

"But the fact that most don't work and that most of them live in Windhoek means we can train twice a week. That has been one of our secrets," team manager Abraham So-Oabeb told Reuters.

Namibia, who beat Botswana in a friendly in early 1994 to record the first international win in their history, will be playing only their 27th international since joining FIFA after independence in 1990.

But So-Oabeb believes that despite the lack of experience and finance, Namibia can launch a strong bid at qualifying for the finals in Burkina Faso.

Should they beat Botswana, Namibia will be placed in group five of the qualifiers alongside Cameroon, Gabon and Kenya.

The Seychelles Islands could provide the biggest shock of the weekend if they overcome a 0-1 deficit in their tie against fellow Indian Ocean Islanders Mauritius.

The Seychelles is Africa's smallest country and they have only been intermittent competitors in

10 years of fifa membership and are still without success in an official international match.

But they have a real chance to rewrite history in Mahe Sunday against a Mauritanian team who have beaten them in all nine of their previous encounters.

Togo and Congo, who both recorded surprise wins in the recent World Cup qualifiers, meet in Lome Sunday after a goalless draw in the Congo earlier this month.

Mauritania host Benin Friday but have their work cut out after suffering a 4-1 defeat away in the first leg.

The Central African Republic are already through to the group qualifiers after the disqualification of Burundi.

Burundi's team did not arrive for their scheduled preliminary round, first leg match in Bangui two weeks ago, unable to leave the trouble east African country because of an air ban imposed in a recent set of internationally-sponsored sanctions.

The Central African Republic go through on a walkover to play in Group 4 with Guinea, Sierra Leone and Tunisia.

## McRae fined \$250,000; escapes ban

PARIS (R) — World champion Colin McRae escaped a ban Tuesday but was fined \$250,000, most of it suspended, after breaking new rules in last month's Argentine Rally and colliding with spectators. Five fans were slightly injured.

Motor sport's world governing body FIA decided against suspending the Scot and he will only have to pay \$75,000 unless he repeats the offence.

"This was a situation where normally there would be a one or two race suspension," FIA President Max Mosley said after a FIA World Council meeting attended by McRae.

"But he was the first person to fall foul of the new regulations and the World Council has taken a lenient view and hopes it won't happen again in the future."

"We listened to everything (McRae had to say) and he had a lot of extenuating circumstances, there were lots of spectators in

the service area and he had lost a lot of time with repairs and was in a great hurry."

McRae exceeded the new 50 kph speed limit in a service area and also failed to follow the correct route to the next time control.

Mosley said McRae had apologised and admitted to driving too fast in the service area. "We thought it excessive to take him out of one or more events," Mosley said.

He said, however, that the service area "is a place for spectators to hang around," where they are allowed to wander among the cars and competitors and FIA would continue to seek strict adherence to its safety regulations.

McRae, looking relieved at the outcome of the meeting, said: "I feel very well, very positive that the penalty was a fine and there was no suspension."

"Security is a big, big issue and we will have to

work together to ensure safety is increased as much as possible.

"Now I can go to the 1,000 Lakes and get on with racing," the 28-year-old added.

The sixth round of the world championship in Finland takes place this weekend.

After the fifth round in Argentina, Finn Tommi Makinen leads the championship standings with Spaniard Carlos Sainz in second place, Sweden's Kenneth Eriksson third and McRae fourth.

David Richards, director of McRae's Subaru team, said: "While this incident has placed considerable pressure on him, I for one share his confidence that only good can come from raising the awareness of this issue."

<b>TODAY AT</b>	<b>CINEMA</b> <b>PHILADELPHIA</b> <b>BABE</b> Shows: 12:30, 3:30, 6:15, 8:30, 10:30	<b>CINEMA</b> <b>PLAZA</b> The Arab Cinema Surprise Ahamad Zaki...in <b>Naser 56</b> (Arabic) Shows: 12:30, 3:30, 6:15, 8:45, 11:00	<b>CINEMA</b> <b>CONCORD</b> CONCORD "1" <b>MONKEY TROUBLE</b> Shows: 12:30, 3:30, 6:15, 8:30, 10:30 CONCORD "2" Ahamad Zaki...in <b>Naser 56</b> (Arabic) Shows: 12:00, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45	<b>Amman Theatre &amp; Cinema</b> TEL: 618274-618275 Today presents Zawad Weld Awad theatre group in the play entitled <b>Five-Star Government</b> Starring comedians: <b>Mahmoud Saimah &amp; Hussein Tubeishat</b> play starts 8:30 p.m	<b>Nabil &amp; Hisham's Theatre</b> TEL: 625155 PRESENTS <b>THE SATIRICAL COMEDY Arab Human Rights</b> At 8:30 p.m. For reservation please call 625155-640155
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# Sports

## Martinez survives, Sabatini rolls at Toshiba Classic

CARLSBAD, California (R) — Defending champion Conchita Martinez overcame a second-set letdown before easing past Naoko Sawamatsu 6-1 2-6 6-1 Tuesday at the \$450,000 Toshiba Tennis Classic.

Both Martinez and No. 3 Jana Novotna of the Czech Republic advanced into the third round. Novotna edged Linda Wild of the U.S. 7-6 (7-2) 7-6 (7-2).

In first round results involving seeded players, No. 5 Gabriela Sabatini of Argentina routed Lindsay Lee of the U.S. 6-0 6-0. No. 6 seed Karina Habsudova of Slovakia rallied past veteran Pam Shriver of the U.S. 5-7 6-3 6-4 and eighth-seeded Nathalie Tauziat of France whipped local favourite Marianne Werdel Witmeyer 6-2 6-2.

Earlier in the day, Katarina Studenikova of Slovakia needed a break in the final game to eclipse 16-year-old U.S. high school sensation Venus Williams 6-4 3-6 7-5.

The second-seeded Martinez sailed through the opening set without difficulty but collapsed in the next set. The 1994 Wimbledon champion regrouped, however, with her heavy topspin ground attack to reel off the final five games, punctuated with a pair of aces in the last game.

"She started playing better, not making many unforced errors and I couldn't finish the point," said Martinez of the second-set collapse. "But I started playing with more patience, more aggressive and I start-

ed to mix up my game a bit more.

Sabatini is playing in only her seventh tournament, including the Olympics, in a disappointing year in which the former top-10 player sat out four months due to a severely pulled stomach muscle.

The Argentine, however, looked every bit the world class player who won the 1990 U.S. Open, displaying her signature heavy topspin baseline game and effective serve for the easy win. "I don't judge the score, I judge the way I played," said Sabatini, who has fallen to No. 14 in the world rankings. "I'm very satisfied with how I'm playing."

Sabatini last turned in that identical score against Maria Jose Gaidano of Argentina in March of 1995

at the Bausch and Lomb championships at Amelia Island.

"I won that easy because I played to win each point said Sabatini, who won 64-of-98 points against the world's No. 50 ranked player. "I tried not to let her play her game because it could be tough. I tried take control of the match the while time."

After a 26-point service game in which Sabatini committed six of her eight double faults for a 2-0 lead, she never looked back in the one-hour roasting.

Sabatini was asked if she had any sympathy for her opponent. "No mercy," she said. "I try to win every point. I don't think about the whole picture. It's wrong to think like that."

## Haarhuis falls in Canadian Open

TORONTO (R) — Tim Henman of Britain survived a match point on his way to a first-round victory over 14th-seeded Paul Haarhuis of the Netherlands Tuesday at the \$2 million Canadian Open.

Henman, the world's 37th-ranked player, who became the darling of the Wimbledon crowds by reaching the quarterfinals in July, recovered from a shaky second set to beat the 26th-ranked Haarhuis 6-2 2-6 7-6 (9-7).

In Tuesday's only second-round match, fifth-seeded Thomas Enqvist of Sweden defeated Spain's Javier Sanchez 6-3 6-4. Enqvist and the rest of the top-eight seeds were given first-round byes.

In an afternoon battle of up-and-coming 19-year-olds, Mark Philippoussis of Australia overpowered Sjeng Schalken of the Netherlands 6-3 6-4.

Haarhuis was one of two seeded players to lose Tuesday. Sixth-seeded Magnus Gustafsson of Sweden was beaten by American Alex O'Brien, ranked 76th, 6-3

7-6 (7-5). O'Brien, who won his first career tournament last week at New Haven, had the only service break of the match, in the eighth game of the first set.

The ninth seed, Cedric Pioline of France, had an easy time with Nicklas Kulti of Sweden, winning 6-4, 6-2.

After dropping five games in a row to lose the second set, Henman saved two break points on his serve in the opening game of the third, including one with a second-serve ace.

"That was a big game because I was playing some pretty poor tennis at the end of the second set," Henman said. "I was really struggling to keep the ball in play. If he'd broken me in that game things would have been very much in his favour."

Henman had five match points before finally winning the match on his sixth when Haarhuis hit a forehand long at 8-7 in the third-set tiebreaker. Haarhuis held his only match point at 6-5 in the tiebreak and failed to convert when

he netted an easy forehand. "I had the easiest shot to win the match," said Haarhuis. "It's better to lose a match 6-3 6-3 than to lose that way."

The Enqvist-Sanchez match was a closer affair than the score would suggest. One rally late in the match, with the 14th-ranked Swede serving for the match and down 15-30, lasted for more than 40 strokes. "That was an unbelievable point. I thought I had won it a couple of times but he just kept getting it back," Enqvist said. "He is a fighter and he never gives up."

Philippoussis, the 29th ranked player who caused a major shock by upsetting world number one Pete Sampras of the U.S. in the third round of this year's Australian Open, blasted 15 aces past Schalken, ranked 49th. Four of those aces came in one game, the eighth of the second set, and the Aussie wrapped up the match with three more aces in the final game.

## Kafelnikov withdraws from Hamlet Cup

COMMACK, New York (R) — Russia's Yevgeny Kafelnikov, ranked fourth in world tennis, withdrew from the Hamlet Cup tournament Tuesday with a rib injury suffered in practice, leaving his participation in next week's U.S. Open in doubt.

Kafelnikov, the tournament's second seed, was ordered to rest by his orthopedic surgeon, Dr. Nathan Breazeale, who said that Kafelnikov, the French Open champion and two-time Hamlet Cup defender, had suffered "a lower left side and back rib strain."

Kafelnikov was in obvious discomfort when he spoke to reporters. "I don't know about the open," he said. "I plan to stay in the draw but if I don't play tennis until Friday, I can't play the open. I'd be out of shape and can't compete 100 per cent like you have to in the open."

The U.S. Open draw is scheduled to be completed Wednesday.

The 22-year-old Kafelnikov said the injury happened suddenly while he was on a practice court. "I played a few holes of golf in the morning," he said, "and then I was on the court twenty minutes when, boom, I felt a sharp pain in my back all of a sudden."

Dr. Breazeale said the injury would require patience. "It's a rotational problem and very temporary," the doctor explained. "He has responded to treatment of anti-inflammatory medication, heat and massage and he should rest it about three days. It's a common injury but by playing now he could aggravate it."

While Kafelnikov was receiving medical treatment, third-seeded Richey Reneberg of the U.S., and fifth-seeded Andrei Medvedev of Ukraine advanced in early first round matches.

Reneberg eliminated Shuzo Matsuo of Japan 6-4 6-2 in 67 minutes and Medvedev rallied to defeat Russia's Alexander Volkov 4-6 6-2 6-2.

Earlier in the day, unseeded Romanian Adrian Panu beat seventh-seeded Hendrik Dreckman of Germany 6-3 6-4 in 65 minutes.



ANOTHER RECORD FALLS: Leann Shannon of the United States reacts after crossing the finish line in world record time in the women's 100 metre-T-52 final race at the Paralympics in Atlanta. Shannon took the gold with a time of 16.62 in the event (Reuter photo)

## Sheffield youngsters show Leeds the way

LONDON (R) — Youngsters Richie Humphreys and Andy Booth showed Leeds United's old men the way to goal to give Sheffield Wednesday a 2-0 away win and their second straight English Premier League victory of the new season Tuesday.

Humphreys, 18, marked only his second start for his home town club by netting in the 2-1 win over Aston Villa Saturday.

On Tuesday, at a rain-so-

den Elland Road it was the teenager's sweetly-struck 14th-minute effort that gave David Pleat's side the edge in the battle for Yorkshire pride and put the Wednesday on top of the table.

Lee Bowyer, one of five Leeds men making their home debuts, gave the ball away to Regi Blinker and, although the Dutchman's shot was blocked, it fell perfectly for Humphreys to fire left-footed across and

past Nigel Martyn. Blinker created the injury-time second that allowed 23-year-old Booth to stride through and open his Premier League account after his £2.65 million (\$4.1 million) move from Huddersfield.

But Leeds — with Ian Rush and on-loan Mark Hateley comprising a 68-year-old strike pairing — must have been wondering how they had come away with nothing.

Rush suffered twice on his 700th domestic appearance, and with fellow new boys Bowyer and Lee Sharpe also left holding their heads, Leeds had reason for feeling hard done by.

In division one, Danish International Per Frandsen's stunning goal for Bolton toppled title favourites Manchester City 1-0 at Burnden Park.

## Aberdeen struggle into UEFA Cup first round

LONDON (R) — Aberdeen qualified for the first round of the UEFA Cup Tuesday, but they were given the fright of their lives by the Lithuanian Minnows Zalgiris Vilnius before booking their place in Friday's draw.

Zalgiris won 3-1 but after trailing 4-1 from the first leg qualifier on their own ground they lost 5-4 on aggregate.

The visitors had only arrived in Aberdeen in the early hours of Tuesday morning following a 12-hour coach trip from London.

But it was the Scottish club who looked travel-sick as the slick visitors pulled them apart.

It was no surprise when Grizvydas Mikulenas shot Zalgiris into a 53rd minute lead as he burst clear on the right before angling a devastating shot back across Michael Watt.

Aberdeen did look more urgent in their attacking play in the second half, but captain Brian Irvine blundered badly in the 76th minute, fouling Mikulenas in the penalty area. Puklevicius stepped up to drill home the resulting spot-

kick. That came with just 14 minutes to go and Irvine made amends by seemingly putting the tie beyond doubt with just five minutes to go, sending a soaring header into the top corner of the net from a Joe Miller corner.

But Vilnius were not finished. Mikulenas went straight up the other end of the field to hammer in another cracking drive from the edge of the penalty area to set up a tense finale.

In Glasgow, Jorge Cadete fired Celtic into the first round with a dramatic late

winner against FC Kosice. The Portuguese star struck with only two minutes to go after the Slovakian side had been reduced to 10 men with the 56th minute sending-off of Karol Prazanica for his second bookable offence.

His absence gave Celtic the gap they were looking for and Cadete swept the ball home after Andreas Thom and Morten Wieghorst had linked up. Celtic took the tie 1-0 on aggregate after a 0-0 scoreline in the first leg.

## Sun sets in Phoenix: Barkley's gone

PHOENIX (AP) — Statistics don't tell the full story of losing Charles Barkley. His 23.2 points and 11.6 rebounds a game are just part of the equation. His entertainment value to a franchise is more difficult to measure.

Barkley's trade to the Houston Rockets also makes the Phoenix Suns less attractive to national television audiences, and their merchandise less attractive to buyers nationwide.

The four-for-one National Basketball Association (NBA) trade that sent Barkley from the Phoenix Suns to the Rockets for guard Sam Cassell, forwards Robert Horry and Chuckie Brown and forward-centre Mark Bryant was formally announced Monday.

Barkley was the most popular player in franchise history, although it didn't start that way.

The day Barkley reported to Phoenix in June 1992, he had just learned of his acquittal in an assault case. Many fans were lukewarm because of his reputation for foul language and aggressive behavior. This, after all, was a player who accidentally spit on a child, a heckler his intended target.

During the 1992 Olympics, while he was leading the original Dream Team in scoring, Barkley elbowed an Angolan player who had the bad luck to be in the way. Barkley wondered whether the player was carrying "a spear."

It didn't take long for Barkley to change things. Weeks into his first season in Phoenix, the doubters were won over. Barkley, it became clear, brought toughness, rebounding and defence to a team long considered a playoff lightweight.

By the end of his first season, he had led Phoenix to the NBA finals and was the league's most valuable player.

"Larger-than-life qualities seem to attract

a lot of attention, and Charles definitely comes off larger than life on occasions," NBA spokesman Brian McIntyre said Monday night. "He's unique. He's a great player and he definitely gives the fans a full night's worth of entertainment."

Barkley's face sprouted on city buses, ties and T-shirts in the aftermath of the Suns' franchise-record, 62-victory season in 1992-93. When he mused about running for governor in Alabama state, there were calls for him to run in Arizona.

It wasn't apparent then, but that was the summit. While Barkley's popularity grew nationally, with skits about battling Barney and regular appearances on talk shows, his team went downhill.

In the fall of 1993, Barkley collapsed during training camp, and he played the season with an aching back that nearly caused him to retire.

In 1994 and 1995, the Rockets eliminated the Suns in the second round of the playoffs, each time after Phoenix took a 2-0 lead.

Barkley's back was bothering him after the 1994 season; he had arthroscopic knee surgery after the 1995 season.

Meanwhile, there was the seemingly endless string of incidents — Barkley dousing an autograph seeker with a glass of beer, Barkley punching obnoxious fans, a tirade at reporters after his flippant remark about not liking whites was broadcast during the 1995 all-star weekend.

Last season, San Antonio stopped the Suns in the first round, and Barkley began a campaign to be traded. His postrights at the Suns and allusions to lack of respect eroded some of his popularity.

Talk shows seemed split on whether the trade was good or bad.

"It's like a bad divorce," one caller said.

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